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WHAT is Mao Tse-tung up to? His puzzling decision to resign as head of state has been interpreted by some as a purge. Others say no demotion is implied, that Mao is forsaking a position of prestige for the less spectacular but more important duties of directing both the party's thought and the nation's endeavour. Who is right?

Perhaps both are. To say that the giant upheaval created by the establishment of the communes and the undercurrent of murmuring it has provoked has nothing to do with Mao's resignation is as foolish as saying that it has been caused by overwork. What has happened is that the party leadership has been criticised privately and publicly with growing feeling in recent years. Pressure on the people eight years after the liberation is not decreasing but increasing.

Bewildering

COLLECTIVES and co-operatives. One Hundred Flowers, rectification. The Big Leap Forward, the steel drive, Every Man A Soldier, communes — a bewildering blast of orders and slogans from Peking must be making many wonder whether their country's greatness is worth all this frenzied reorganisation and catastrophic reorganisation. With whom does the blame lie and at whom are the grumbles directed? Mao has made himself Big Brother and ultimately the responsibility is his.

But is not Mao the idol of the people? For all the veneration that the party has heaped upon this remarkable man there must be millions in China today who stick red-hot pins in his effigy nightly. Has Mao at last sensed the dangers? Has he decided that the time has come to purge himself, to "depersonalise" the leadership, to inaugurate in an entirely off-hand way collective responsibility on lines similar to the post-Stalin Russians?

Vulnerable

IF so, has he thereby weakened his own position? The conclusion can only be that he has strengthened it. For now he is no longer Managing Director, Chairman of the Board, chief shareholder, adviser-in-chief, advertising manager and PRO wrapped into one. He has vacated not the most exacting or the most time-consuming of his many positions but the one in which he is most vulnerable. He has opened the way for a puppet—and a scapegoat, if necessary—whom he can manipulate from the many backroom but highly influential positions he retains. Mao is still the undoubted boss of China.

He has probably admired the way Khrushchev has handled Russia since taking over from Stalin. Difficult men like Malenkov, Molotov, Beria, Kaganovich, Shepilov, Bulganin and Sorov have been removed and diffused. Yet the principle of collective leadership has been maintained by a careful choice of successors. And Khrushchev remains inviolate. So Mao retires behind his Chinese screen, to guide, to prompt, to direct, to chastise and to purge. He may now be invincible.

SURPRISE SEQUEL TO STONING OF U.S. OFFICIAL IN IRAQ DIPLOMAT SMUGGLED OUT

Flies Secretly To Beirut From Bagdad

By GEOFFREY THURSBY

Beirut, Dec. 18. William Rountree on a mission to Iraq for Mr Dulles, was smuggled out of the country today to avoid more trouble with anti-American mobs. I flew out on the same plane to report what is really happening in Iraq—a story of plots against the revolutionary regime and of Russian arms flowing into the country.

FLU CARRIED TO UK BY HK TEXTILES?

London, Dec. 17. M.P. Mrs Patricia MacLaughlin suggested in Parliament today that textiles imported from Hong Kong might be bringing Asian flu to Britain. Mrs MacLaughlin, Conservative Unionist member for the textile city of Belfast, Northern Ireland, said the industry there was concerned with the risk of carrying the virus. "It is not possible that a certain amount of Asian influenza and other diseases are carried here in ready-made clothes which were made up in circumstances far below the standards allowed in this country," she asked. —U.P.I.

A local doctor was asked the same question by the China Mail this morning and he replied, "As far as we know, Asian flu is caused by a microscopic virus which does not live outside the body for long. So it is not possible that Asian flu is carried in material to the U.K."

Kramer's Threat To Davis Cup Structure

Sydney, Dec. 17. Jack Kramer, the American professional tennis promoter, said here today that he could destroy the entire Davis Cup structure by signing up the world's leading amateurs next year. He said four leading players from Italy, Sweden and Belgium were eager to join his troupe. "This would send the whole European zone down the drain," said Kramer, who has come to Sydney to inquire into the latest dispute between his troupe and the Australian Lawn Tennis Association.

WORLD BAN
The Association which recently announced it was seeking a world ban on Kramer's players appearing on amateur courts, yesterday banned them from competing in a testimonial match at Sydney's White City courts.

Kramer said today that Australia's top two stars, Ashley Cooper and Mal Anderson, probably would turn professional in the new year. He added that he planned a world tour with 10 players. —Reuters.

Coming To HK

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 18. Finance, Sir Henry Hsu-shih Lee, will leave by air today for a 20-day holiday in Hong Kong. —Reuters.

Pensive Princess



Princess Alexandra of Kent caught in a pensive mood when she attended the 1910 Ball in aid of the Byam Shaw School of Drawing and Painting at Park Lane House, London, recently.—Reutersphoto.

SEARCH FOR MISSING SHACKLETON ABANDONED

Singapore, Dec. 17. Hope for the survival of 11 persons in a missing RAF Shackleton aircraft, which disappeared in the South China Sea on December 9 was completely abandoned, following the dramatic and mystifying discovery of the body of one of the crew buried in a grave on the lonely Sin Cowe Reef, 300 miles north of Labuan.

The grave was found by a landing party from the New Zealand frigate Rotoli, sent to investigate a report that the wreckage of an aircraft had been seen on the tiny atoll. An RAF spokesman last night said there was no chance of any of the missing crew surviving. "The Royal Navy and ourselves came to this conclusion in the light of all the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the aircraft," he added. —France-Press.

London's Teenage Gangs Screened In Killer Hunt

London, Dec. 17. Teenage gangs haunting dance halls and cafes in the London East End were being rounded up today in a mass hunt for the killer on Sunday night of a 23-year-old policeman.

Two youths taken to a police station last night to assist in inquiries were still there this morning. An inquest on the dead policeman, Raymond Summers, was adjourned until January 2 today after the coroner was told that he had died in a few minutes after being stabbed in the back while intervening in a street fight outside a dance hall. His 20-year-old fiancée, Miss Sheila McKenzie, sat in the public seats.

Khrushchev Hits Commune System As 'Reactionary'

Washington, Dec. 17.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, was quoted today as describing the commune system being implemented in Communist China as "reactionary" and inappropriate for the Soviet Union.

The Washington Post's diplomatic correspondent, Chalmers Roberts, said Mr Khrushchev told Senator Hubert Humphrey during an eight-hour talk in the Kremlin recently that the commune system was tried in Russia long ago and did not work.

Plan That Failed

"Here he may have been referring to some early experiments by Lenin or to the 'Agrotowns' he himself tried to set up in 1951 under Stalin, a plan that failed," the correspondent said.

Mr Khrushchev was said to have commented that what the Soviet Union needed now was a way to get people to work harder.

He also remarked that he did not know why the Chinese had used the word commune, as the term dated from Paris at the time of the French revolution, and related to urban rather than rural government. —Reuters.

MAO REMAINS AS POWERFUL AS EVER

Washington, Dec. 17.

The Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, remains as powerful as ever despite his resignation as Chairman, a U.S. State Department spokesman said today.

The press officer, Lincoln White, said that Mao's departure from the ceremonial job of Chairman "does not affect in any way" his control of the party and government and "his power is not diminished in the least."

Recognition
Mr White made it clear the United States expects the tough, 65-year-old leader of China's anti-Nationalist revolution to continue to be hostile towards the United States and its actions in the Pacific.

Asked whether he believed developments in Red China foreshadowed a change in the non-recognition relationship between the United States and the Peking Government, Mr White replied that "so far as we know, Mao did not tip his cap in the direction of the United States" in his remarks to a recent Communist Central Committee meeting. Mr White declined to discuss speculation from Hong Kong, the British Crown Colony, that developments in China may signal the beginning of the end of the Red regime. However, other officials made it clear they will not indulge in what they described as "wishful thinking."

They predicted that Mr Mao, still the top Communist leader in China, probably would intensify his drive to whip the 650 million inhabitants of the mainland into slave state communes, now that he is freed from the ceremonial duties of the chairmanship.

Mr Mao's resignation was definitely not interpreted as any down-grading of the architect of Chinese Communism.—U.P.I.

Marilyn



Loses Another Baby

New York, Dec. 17. Film actress Marilyn Monroe, has lost her second child through a miscarriage, Mr Joseph Wolhandler, her press agent, announced here tonight. Mr Wolhandler said Miss Monroe, recovering at her home here was extremely upset over the loss of the child. Miss Monroe, who is married to playwright Arthur Miller, lost her first child through a miscarriage in August 1957. Miss Monroe was taken ill on the set of her latest film "Some Like It Hot" a month ago. She had never announced the date the child was expected next year. But friends had estimated it was May or June. —Reuters.

HK's Indian-Summer Expected To Last Till Weekend

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER

The warm Indian-summer of the last few days is expected to remain until the week-end, when Hongkong should again have cool, dry weather.

No rain has fallen since November 10, when only 0.4 mm were recorded at the Royal Observatory. Yesterday the Observatory forecast evening rain, but again only slight traces were recorded. To date, the dry spell has lasted 29 days.

Temperature
The mean temperature for the past seven days has been higher than usual. The maximum temperature for this period was recorded on December 14 and 15 when the thermometers at the Royal Observatory read 75.1 degrees.

On December 14, there was a range of 18 degrees between the maximum and minimum temperatures. The present warm weather is being caused by the easterly movement of a high pressure area over China, which is bringing warm humid air from the SW. This is regarded as unusual for this time of the year. But it is doubtful whether this warm weather will remain after Friday night.

The humidity content of the air during the past seven days has been higher than normal, and this morning at 9 a.m. it was 85 per cent, but this had dropped to 70 per cent at noon.

Threat To West

Berlin, Dec. 17. A top East German Communist leader told the West tonight that East Germany will take over control of all land, air and water routes to Berlin no matter what happens to West Berlin's status. The Communist leader, Albert Norden, posed the new threat to the vital supply lines which form the lifeline for allied troops stationed in West Berlin—in a speech at a workers' rally at Halle, East Germany.—U.P.I.

Greece 'Pointing Gun' At Britain

London, Dec. 17. Mr Evangelos Averoff, the Greek Foreign Minister, has been instructed to cancel all appointments connected with talks over Cyprus if the execution of two Greek-Cypriots takes place in Cyprus.

The Greek Government had made representations to the British Government today in a last minute bid to save the youths who are awaiting execution.

It was understood that representations were made to the British Ambassador in Athens, through the Greek Embassy in London, where Mr Averoff today met the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd.

Tension Mounts
Tension in Cyprus had mounted following the Governor's decision last night not to grant a reprieve. The strictest yet security precautions for Britons in Cyprus were ordered as 66 wives and children of servicemen arrived at Nicosia airport to spend Christmas with their husbands and fathers.

There were many appeals today for the lives of the two condemned men — sentenced in July for murdering another Greek Cypriot — including a cable from their mothers to Queen Elizabeth. This asked the Queen, "as a mother and a Christian sovereign," to intervene and stop the executions. —Reuters.

Aswan Dam

Cairo, Dec. 17. The Soviet Union and the United Arab Republic will sign an agreement on building the high dam at Aswan at the beginning of next week, Cairo Radio said tonight. —France-Press.

Yugoslavia Apologises To Russia

Belgrade, Dec. 17. The Yugoslav Government has apologised to the Soviet Union for a cartoon of Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, in a Yugoslav magazine last week, informed sources said today.

The issue of the magazine "Vjesnik U Srijedu" (Wednesday Herald) was banned after it appeared on bookstalls. All copies on sale were confiscated. The magazine published a cartoon showing Mr Khrushchev in a barber's shop sitting under a large portrait of Stalin. The caption in an allusion to Stalin asked, "Comrade Nikita and what about the moustaches?" —Reuters.

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RAF Man Is Gaoled For Keeping Missile Secrets

London, Dec. 17.

A RAF craftsman aged 21 was sentenced today to a year in gaol for unlawfully retaining secret documents dealing with guided missiles while based in Australia.

The accused, Senior Aircraftman Michael Julian Brown, was ordered by an RAF court martial to be dismissed from the service with ignominy. The findings and sentences of the court are subject to confirmation.

Brown's barrister, Miss Jean Smithworth, pleading for leniency said that he had made allegations against himself while under close arrest which had caused fear to Australian authorities.

He had made "stupid" statements about "money and foreign powers."

Trivial Offence

But she submitted that his offences were "trivial" and not committed with malice or force. "He must not be regarded in the light of a traitor to his country," she said.

Brown faced two charges brought under the Official Secrets Act of taking secret documents dealing with the testing of guided missiles known as "Red Dusters" between May 16 and August 15 this year.

He changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty on both charges after the prosecution's case concluded.

Then he pleaded guilty to a third charge of escaping from arrest at Edinburgh Field, an Australian research station connected with the Woomera Rocket Range.

In Suitcase

The prosecution said Brown was a clerk at No. 8 Joint Services Trials Unit at Edinburgh Field where ground-to-air guided missiles were tested. Documents containing details about the tests went through Brown's office on their way to a scientific section.

But two documents which reached his department just May were not passed on. They were found later in a locked suitcase in his quarters. When asked why they were in his possession, Brown was alleged to have said that he must have forgotten them.

Evidence was given that Brown was being questioned about a theft of money when the documents were discovered. He escaped from his cell by switching keys on a key ring. Australian police found him two days later sitting in a car and took him into custody.

Adroit

Group-Captain J. T. Lowe, prosecuting, said: "One must admire the adroitness of the prisoner in escaping the vigilance of his guards in such a skilful manner."—China Mail Special.

Dail Reform

Dublin, Dec. 17. The Dail (Parliament) last night passed the second reading of a bill, which would abolish the country's system of proportional representation at elections. Single-member constituencies are now proposed, possibly 144 of them electing 144 members on a straight vote. —Reuters.

Making Christmas Cards Pay

United Nations, Dec. 17.

The sale of Unicef Christmas cards will pay for 10 days of the United Nations Children's Fund programmes around the world. It was announced today.

About 10 million cards have been sold so far this year, half in the United States and the remainder in more than 70 other countries and territories.

The sale will realize more than a half million dollar profit to be used against Unicef's programme budget of \$20 million. Just under 8 million cards were sold by Unicef last year.

Since 1949, artists throughout the world have donated designs for the cards, sold not only as Christmas greetings but to help Unicef's campaign against the children's hunger and disease. —U.P.I.

FROGMAN'S EXPLOIT IN RAPIDS

Vancouver, Dec. 17.

A French frogman, Louis Lournais, today swam through the boiling rapids of "Hell's Gate" on the Fraser River in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and suffered only a minor scratch.

He emerged from the 6-mile stretch of rock-strewn rapids, whose waves rise as much as 15-feet to find spectators who expected to see only his lifeless body.

Lournais plans to swim its whole 600-mile length, most of which he has already negotiated. —France-Press.

May Get Refund

London, Dec. 17.

A British ex-servicewoman who was charged £188 after spending 10 weeks in an Army hospital in Singapore may get a refund, the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Christopher Soames revealed today.

She had been charged the normal scale for a civilian, but Mr. Soames said because of the "special circumstances" of the woman, a Miss Jansson, he would look into the possibility of a reduction.

He said this in answer to Mrs. Lena Jeger (Labour) in the House of Commons. —China Mail Special.

DE GAULLE AND LLOYD IN BID TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Paris, Dec. 17.

General de Gaulle and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, agreed in talks today that all difficulties in the path of Franco-British relations could be overcome "with goodwill," a British spokesman said.

The two leaders met for 90 minutes at the Hotel Matignon, the French Prime Minister's Paris residence, for talks on a wide range of world problems and notably differences between the two countries on the issue of European free trade.

The British spokesman said after the meeting that General de Gaulle and Mr. Lloyd had "the most frank explanation" of the Free Trade crisis. "The economic disagreements are only temporary," he said.

Britain is leading the 11 members of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation who want to form a closer association with the other six members of the OEEC-led by France—linked in the European Common Market. Talks on the issue so far have ended in deadlock. They resume on January 18.

Good Meeting

The two-way exchange at the Matignon was among the most important of the private talks going on while the 15-nation Atlantic pact of the Atlantic Alliance is in session in Paris. Its three-day meeting ends tomorrow.

Leaders of the Alliance spent more than five hours today discussing NATO's military programme and the parallel bloc. General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, called it "a very good meeting".

Conference sources said General Norstad had strongly appealed to members of the Alliance to fulfil their military obligations more completely. He was reported to have "reproached" certain unnamed powers for promising more than they had contributed.

No Split

The sources, while stressing there was no split within the Alliance, said France had been accused of withholding co-operation, particularly over moves to integrate NATO air defence, to set up NATO stockpiles in Europe and to permit the installation on her soil of bases for American intermediate range ballistic missiles.

American officials maintain that France is adopting these tactics with the aim of putting pressure on Washington to agree to the ideas of General de Gaulle for closer consultation on world affairs by the United States and Britain with France. —Reuters.

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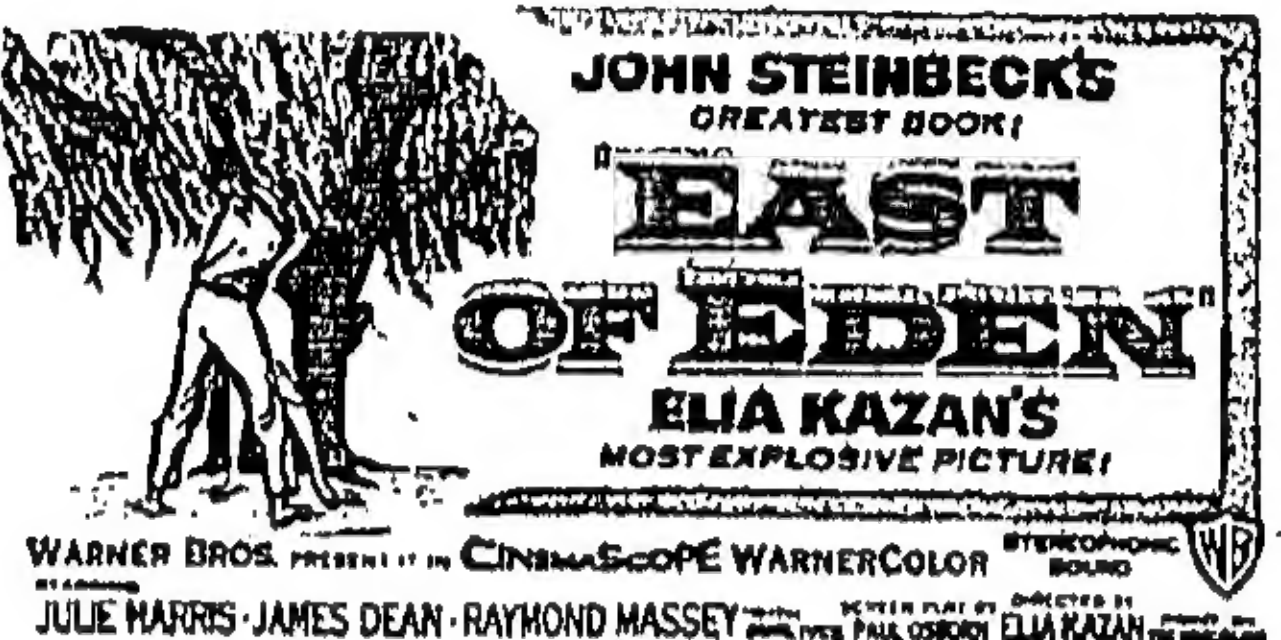
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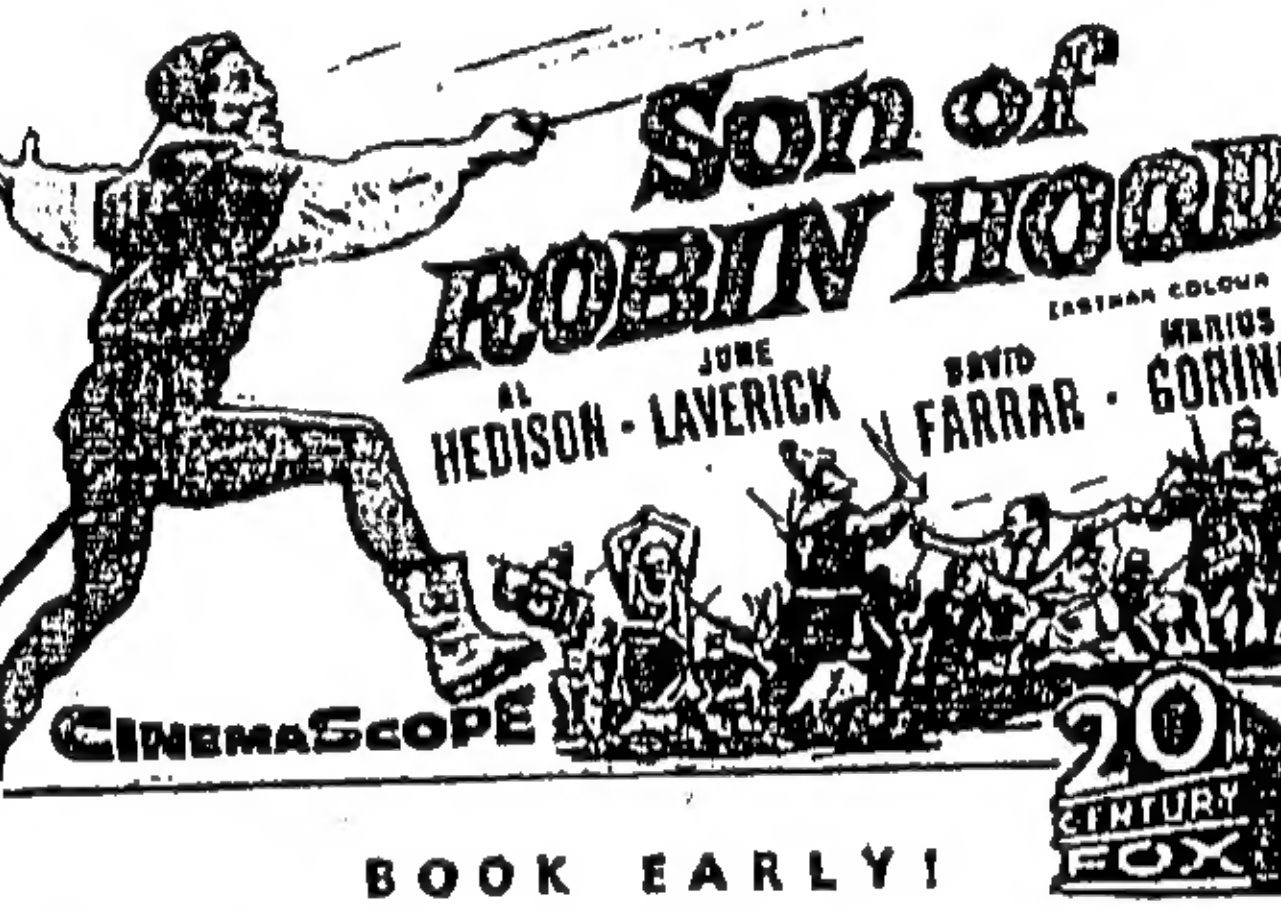
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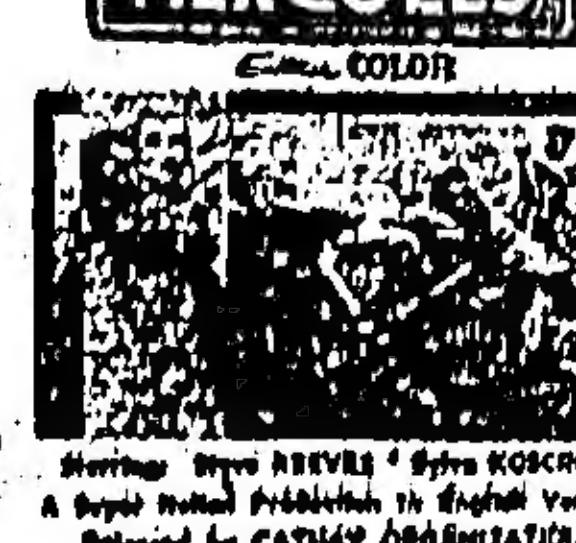
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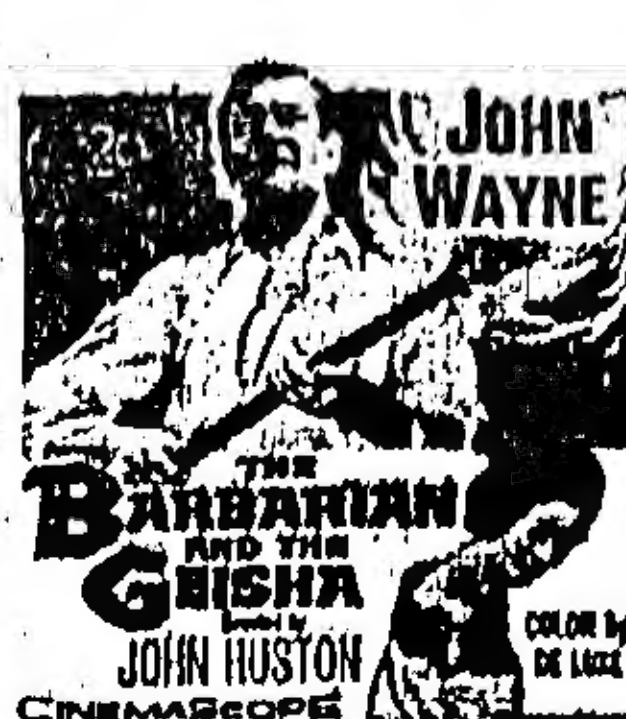
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U.K. UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPING

Labour Minister Replies To Opposition's "Bleak Christmas" Accusation

London, Dec. 17. Mr Iain Macleod, Minister of Labour, indicated tonight that unemployment in Britain had been stabilised between November and December.

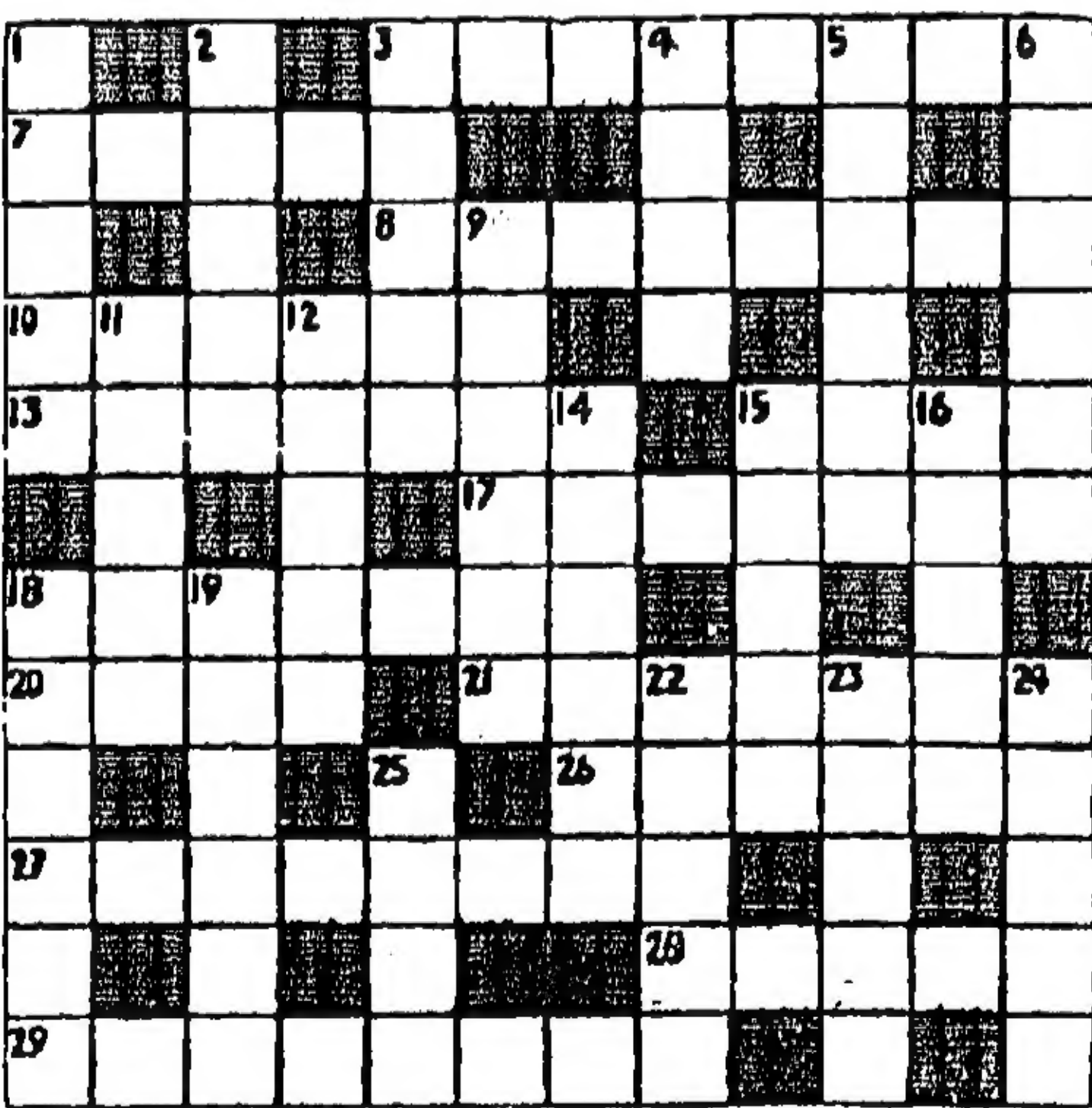
New Mosquito Menace Found

Washington, Dec. 17. The Malaysian mosquito, long considered a harmless nuisance in Southeast Asia, has been found to be a deadly enemy of man, according to U.S. Army medicine researchers. They announced that a four-year study conducted here and in Malaya has proved that the previously unsuspected Malaysian mosquito, *Culex Gelidus*, is a carrier of Japanese encephalitis and at least 15 other viruses. The silver-speckled mosquito looks like any other variety to a layman. But it is a "much more dangerous" carrier of encephalitis than the traditionally assumed villain — *Culex tritaeniorhynchus* — the Army report said. — U.P.I.

Murderess Mentioned In Will

London, Dec. 17. George J. Ellis, divorced husband of Ruth Ellis who was hanged in 1955 for the murder of a man said to be her lover, named her in his will. It was learned today. Mr Ellis, a 48-year-old dental surgeon hanged himself with his dressing-gown cord in a Jersey hotel last August. He left £7,000 gross with a net value of £388. In his will, dated February, 1951, and published today, he left £1,000 to his mother or if she died, to his brother and sister or their children, and half the residue to his wife Ruth. The other half of the residue was to go to his two children by his former marriage and any children by his marriage to Ruth. (China Mail Special)

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- He's embracing his wife in the islands! (8).
 - Allee's alternative name (5).
 - No sign of the measles, it's quite clear (8).
 - Some cash return for cash, maybe (8).
 - Possibly earnest Oriental (7).
 - Only water (4).
 - Ancient salt, perhaps (7).
 - Amount missing (7).
 - Little by little lad (4).
 - Colossal disaster (7).
 - Elaborately adorned (8).
 - Solar radiance (8).
 - Entirely sufficient (8).
 - Phunters (8).
- DOWN**
- Knock up 207 (5).
 - Black suit for socialites (9).
 - Hurry (5).
 - Duty list (5).
 - Go further down (8).
 - Near relative in hospital (8).
 - Allow (6).
 - As keen as mustard? (5).
 - Greek apartment (6).
 - A country in N.A.T.O. possibly (6).
 - Italian city (6).
 - Pardon (5).
 - More stupid (6).
 - Haddock description (6).
 - Same hair (6).
 - Born in South Africa (6).
 - Gnola (6).
 - Might be said to stop a horse (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Wallop, 5 Ibeen, 8 Deano, 9 Tendon, 10 Crane, 11 Enase, 12 Hart, 13 Dancie, 16 In-rush, 18 Census, 20 Needs, 22 Hero, 23 Gifts, 25 Staid, 26 Ladies, 27 Newer, 28 Flops, 29 Dancies. Down: 1 Watchmen, 2 Long race, 3 Oboe, 4 Ponnons, 5 Incubus, 6 Uprogs, 7 Pannu, 14 Shierph, 15 Colossus, 16 Insides, 17 Rustled, 19 Edging, 21 Extol, 24 Sura (8).

Statue Survived The Furore



The answer, Mr Griffiths said, was economic expansion. "We have to find a way to achieve economic expansion, increased production, higher productivity, full employment and stability," he said. "Planned Society" "The only alternative to Communism is not Tory freedom, but a planned society in which democratic freedom and planning—and the use of our resources—are all combined in a stable economy." Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, said he hoped members would not give colour to the idea that there was the remotest chance of Britain going back to the conditions of pre-war mass unemployment. The national unemployment figure had risen to about two and a half per cent of the total labour force — five out of about every 200. — Reuter

SPACE MAN YEARS AWAY

Washington, Dec. 17. The United States is working hard to put a man into space, but success is several years away, at the earliest, the head of America's Space Agency said here today. Dr T. Keith Glennan, chief of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said his organisation was directing the national effort that had as its objective putting a man into space.

"We call this effort Project Mercury," Dr Glennan said. "I believe this is the first time we've ever mentioned the project publicly. "I wish to emphasize that this is a long-range type of effort."

Dr Glennan was speaking at the annual dinner commemorating the first powered flight by the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903. **Greatest Care** "Our modern-day Mercury will be selected with the greatest of care," said Dr Glennan. "We will use the entire resources of the nation to determine, in advance, as far as possible, man's ability to cope with the physical, mental and psychological stresses of space travel. "We hope to accomplish this determination on the ground—in the nation's aero-medical laboratories. All this must be done before any attempts are made to send Mercury aloft."

Dr Glennan said that the launching of the Soviet Sputniks "finally shocked our people into a state of real concern about our standing in the race for technological leadership of the world." — Reuter.

Mr David McFall, the sculptor, at work in his Chelsea studio on the 9ft. high statue of Sir Winston Churchill which he is doing for the Borough of Wandsworth & Woodford, Essex, Sir Winston's Parliamentary constituency.

The constituents, who are subscribing £5,000 for the statue, are divided as to the merit of the sculpture. Some of them claim that the head is not a true likeness of the great statesman. The trustees of the local committee, however, have unanimously approved it. They sponsored the work.—Central Press.

UNIVERSITY PRIZE FOR WALKER?

Ullswater, Dec. 17. A 19-year-old Malayan youth who hitch-hiked to Britain with only five shillings in his pocket is to ask the Duke of Edinburgh if he has won the right to a university education.

This is one of the Duke's "Prizes" for adventurous youngsters like Kandalingham Roberts, who will soon be writing to Buckingham Palace about his exploits.

Journey's end for him after 15,000 miles was the Outward Bound Mountain School here. Kandalingham—he is nicknamed "Bob" by his friends at the school—made the trip to fulfil a wish of his dead father that he should have a university education.—Reuter.

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Dulles Speaks On Far East

Paris, Dec. 17. Mr John Foster Dulles said today that any United States withdrawal from the western Pacific would give the Communists control of the entire area, including the use of Japan's industrial power. Introducing a report on the Far East situation in the 15-nation Atlantic Pact Ministerial Conference here, the American Secretary of State said he had no doubt the Communists would continue to attempt to get the United States out of the area. He said: "If we should withdraw, the entire area would fall under Communist control. "This would give great reward to the Communists in the form of the utilisation of the industrial power of Japan."

Formidable

If the Communists could add that to the manpower and material resources of the mainland, they would be a formidable combination, he said. Such a combination of China, the Soviet Union and industrial Japan would alter world strategy. Mr Dulles' statement was made at a restricted meeting of the council, which is in the second day of a three-day annual conference in Paris. Excerpts from his speech were released by American officials tonight.—Reuter.

Red Submarines "Grave Danger" In The Atlantic

Paris, Dec. 17. Admiral Jerauld Wright, Supreme Allied Commander in the Atlantic, said today that the Soviet submarine menace was the gravest danger the Atlantic Command had to face.

He told reporters that the Russians already had between 450 and 500 submarines in service. Admiral Wright said that Soviet submarines in a limited number had been reported everywhere in the Atlantic including along the coastline of the United States and in the South Atlantic.

He said that to cope with the Soviet submarine menace, the Atlantic Alliance had new American atomic submarines. Bombs missiles with nuclear warheads, atomic underwater grenades and the atomic bomb.

Admiral Wright said that guided missiles fired from ships give an incomparable advantage over land based missiles.

Seaborne missiles could be transported quickly anywhere "to Murmansk, the Black Sea, the Arctic, the Mediterranean."

Advantage

Admiral Wright said that no international agreement of authorisation was required to transport the missiles. "If you have them, you carry them without anybody knowing. That is their advantage."

Admiral Wright said the United States had perfected missiles based on ships.

In answer to a question Admiral Wright said he would be very surprised if the Russians did not have an atomic submarine.

He said the achievement of the American atomic submarine Nautilus II in crossing the

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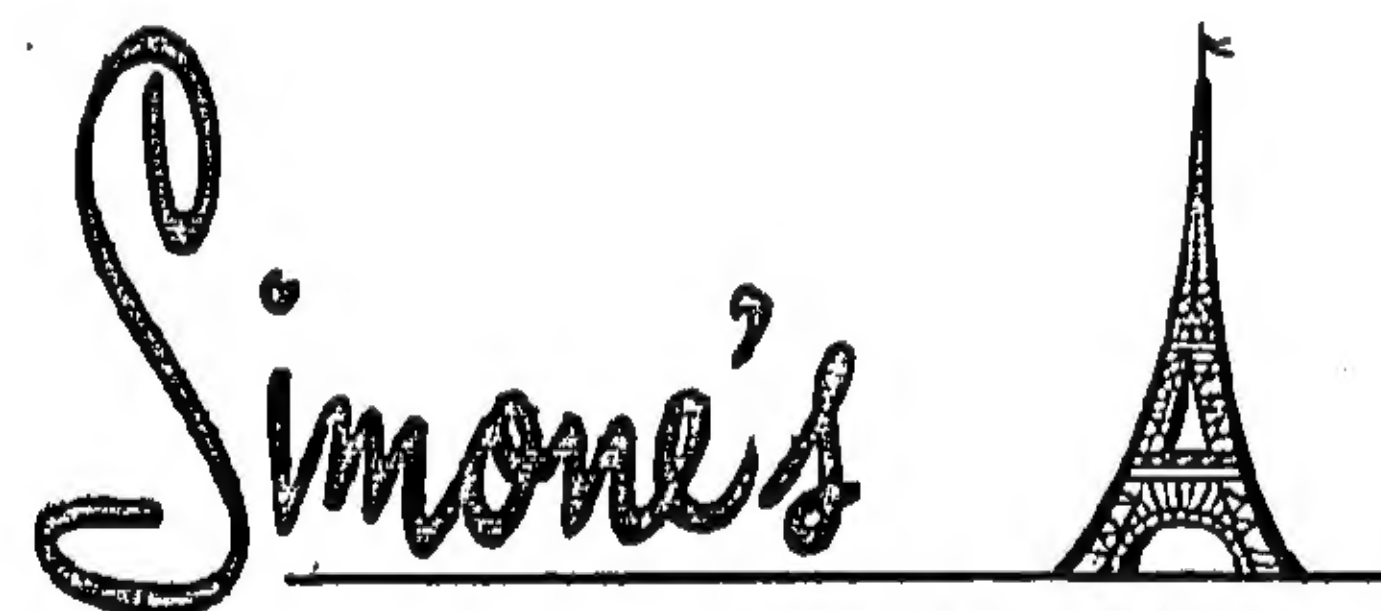
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Guard against that prowler

ARE you a good citizen and a good neighbour? If you see a stealthy-looking character lurking around a house in your vicinity, or if you notice any unusual and suspicious circumstance that suggests to you a burglar may be at work on someone else's property, do you contact the police without delay—or do you shirk from such a step from a fear that you might be mistaken and might be regarded as a misguided 'busy-body'?

If you adopt the former course and notify the police, then you are acting in the interests of your community and need not reproach yourself even if your suspicions prove unfounded.

The police will certainly not reproach you should you be mistaken; rather, they will commend you as a well-intentioned member of the public, and will wish there were more of your kind around. Their task of crime detection and crime prevention would be made a whole lot easier if there were.

On the other hand, it may be your own property that has attracted the attention of a criminal—in which case you would appreciate it if a friendly neighbour or passer-by summoned the law.

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You yourself, however, can do much to tend off the attentions of would-be thieves who may cast speculative glances in the direction of your home.

It is a well-known fact (well known, at any rate, to the police in all countries) that the great majority of crimes committed by housebreakers or burglars are not carried out in accordance with a previously-worked-out and detailed plan. On the contrary, most crimes in this category are committed because the opportunity presents itself to a wrongdoer who is on the prowl in quest of 'easy pickings' and

By H. GANE

who is quick to seize that opportunity at the expense of a careless householder.

Modest your home may be, but don't imagine on that account that it contains nothing worth stealing. Yours would indeed be an impoverished home if such were the case. And, however humble your domicile, don't delude yourself by thinking that thieves don't rob the poor. They prefer rich victims because of the latter prospects of gain, but the mansions of the rich often call for skills of a higher order than the rank-and-file of the burgling 'fraternity' possess. The petty thief preys on people who can ill-afford to be among his 'clients'—and does so without qualms of conscience. Make no mistake about that.

So what to do to beat this type of criminal? Here are some common-sense measures.

Don't offer an invitation to an unwelcome intruder by leaving notes on doors to indicate that

you have gone out; notes such as "Leave groceries in porch"—intended for a tradesman's eyes, but such pleasant reading to a predatory crook.

When you are to be absent from home for more than a day, cancel your orders for milk, newspapers, etcetera. An accumulation of milk-bottles or other deliveries at your door will plainly advertise the fact that your house is empty.

Don't leave keys under mats, or in outhouses, or on a string behind a letter-slot. Thieves are wise to all such practices.

See that all windows and doors are secure, and that locks and bolts are efficient. The really shrewd householder will consult a firm of experts on the subject of locks and bolts, and take advice on the best anti-burglar devices obtainable.

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Don't allow unknown callers into your house without satisfying yourself as to their credentials.

If you are going out in the evening and your home is to be empty after dark, leave a light on in one of the front rooms—not in the hall or on the landing.

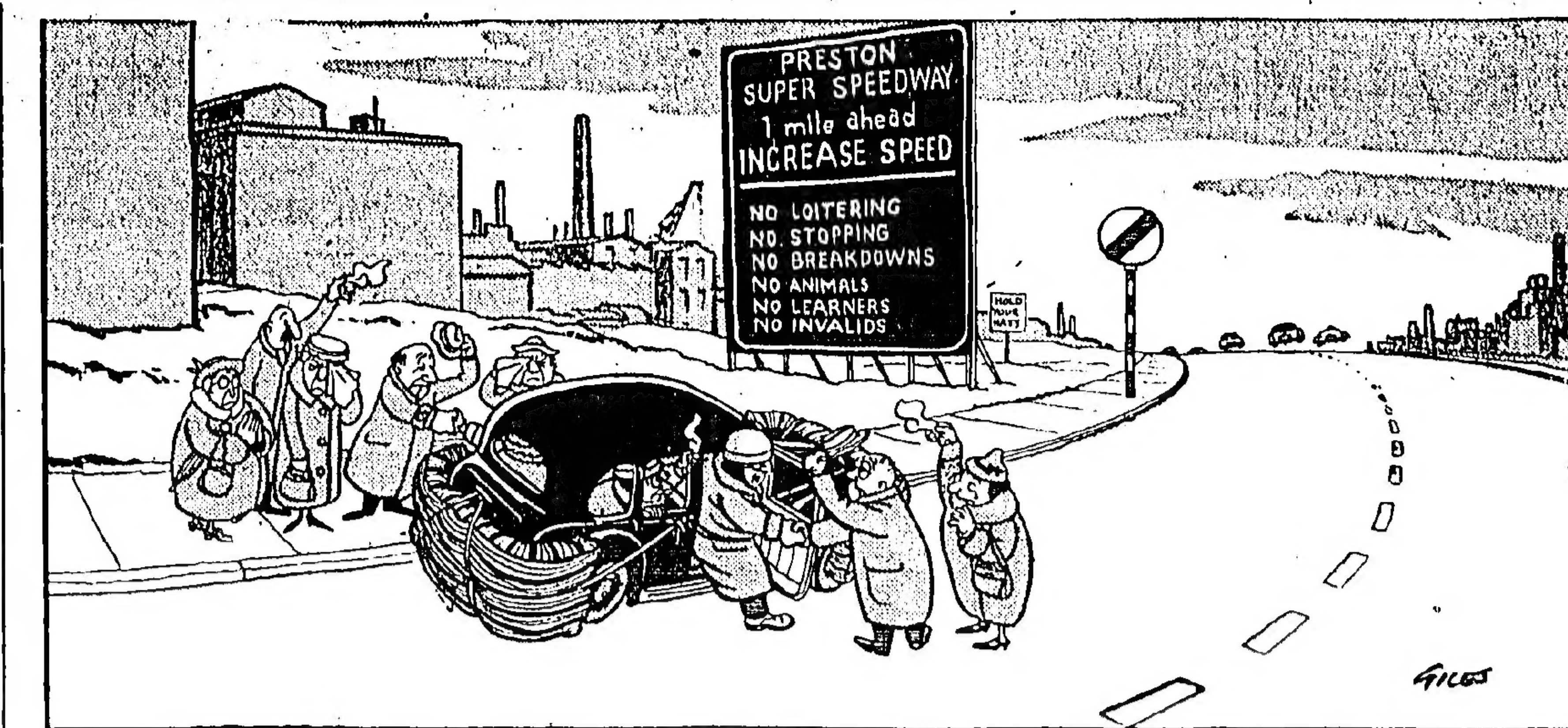
A light in the hall of a house or on a staircase landing does not necessarily indicate that the owner is at home, but a light in one of the front rooms does suggest that the house is occupied, and a would-be burglar is likely to steer clear of it. He is not usually the sort of man to take undue risks. A house in total darkness or with a light burning in the hall or on the landing will offer itself as a tempting prospect to him, however. He will try the door-bell or the knocker—and get to work on forcing an entry if there is no response.

If you are going off on a holiday, notify your local police that you will be absent from home for a specific period. Also, inform your immediate neighbours and ask them to report to the police if they see anything of a suspicious nature while you are away. They will surely be glad to co-operate if you are prepared to do the same for them.

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Business premises which are unoccupied at night are especially vulnerable, of course, but many of the precautions which apply to private homes are also applicable to commercial and industrial buildings. Here again, expert advice on anti-burglar devices should be sought.

I can write with feeling on the subject of precautions—since I learned my lesson not so long ago as the victim of a sneak-thief who broke into my home. Now I do all I can to make life for this kind of parasite as difficult as possible. And although my house and its contents are far from being in the luxury class I not only do my best to protect my property, but I also make it very certain that I'm prompt in my annual payments of an insurance I've taken out on my possessions.



"Well, so long, Harry—you'll find our insurance in the little tin box in the cupboard under the stairs."

ROBERT MORLEY

REPORTING ABOUT LIFE ON TOUR...WITH
A LITTLE NOSTALGIA FOR DAYS GONE BY

And I lived like a sultan on thirty bob

WHEN I was young I could never understand how anyone could be so foolish as to choose to live in the country. Now, having lived in the country for 20 years, I dislike cities.

When I am acting in a play in London I am driven up in the late afternoon and usually fall asleep in Slough. I invariably wake up at Hyde Park Corner, and by the time we reach

Coming home I sleep all the way, but by that time I have given my all to the public and have had a fairly heavy meal. Once in a blue moon I go on tour.

When I started as an actor I loved touring—which was just as well, because I certainly couldn't get a job in London. Oldham, Darlington, Rochdale, Weston—super—Mans, Bognor, and Leamington Spa—they were all the same to me.

Enjoyed

I used to enjoy the excitement of moving on every Sunday at someone else's expense. I even used to enjoy Saturday nights when I was the assistant stage manager and had to stay awake until three in the morning to see the last piece of scenery off of the theatre.

The last place but one I usually turned out to be because the resident stage manager always tried to hang on to a back-cloth or a border to make up his pantomime and I was never very good at packing.

Life on tour was superb. Packed with excitement, adventure, and sometimes love, and all very moderately priced. For 30s a week you could live like a sultan. You could get a complimentary seat in the local cinema by simply asking for the manager and showing him the greasepaint on the inside of your collar.

You will scarcely be surprised to learn that times have changed. But in any case, when I go on tour now I never go near Bognor or Darlington.

It is not by chance that I have just returned from Manchester, Liverpool, and Glasgow.



At Liverpool, for some reason, I always feel a mood of discontent.

That's where the money is—if only you can find it.

At the moment a good many productions intended eventually for the West End—and even a few which are not—are circling round the provinces like air-liners waiting to land in a fog.

Some of them are managing to arrive more or less on time; some have to be diverted; and others are destined to crash, although most of the cast will have baled out before then if they are wise.

Some people would rather see a play before it is officially produced in London.

The seats are cheaper and they can be sure that the actors are really on their toes every evening, vying with each other for the laughs.

On the other hand, there are others who resent the guinea-pig role they are expected to play at their own expense. At least, beg these unwilling covies, get the play in some sort of shape before you bring

it to us. And, with a few notable exceptions, management on the whole do struggle—even if they do not always succeed—to do just this.

The same

When real disaster strikes it is usually good for a few laughs and the audience might have wasted their evening just the same watching television.

But although I would never open a play cold in London if I could help it, I find I don't enjoy touring as much as I used to.

For one thing, I usually find myself staying not in digs but at the Station Hotel. These splendid institutions are all exactly the same, and one finds it quite difficult at times to remember in which city one is lodged.

Each has its French Restaurant, 'The Grill', The Buttery, the Main Lounge, with its string orchestra from four

to six, and The Balmoral, Sandringham, and Windsor Suites, which are let throughout the week for general meetings, extraordinary general meetings, and auditions for quiz shows on television.

There is the reception desk, with a number of rather pretty girls on one side of it and a number of rather plain men on the other trying to book bedrooms.

There is the entrance hall leading to the street and the back door leading directly on to this station.

There is the hall porter, who seems to know someone who can get you a sleeper on Saturday night.

Impressive

And, of course, there is the manager, who comes forward to welcome you and who is on some lend-lease arrangement from his father's establishment on Lake Como, and who quite

obviously and very understandably despises the whole thing and is beginning to loathe his father into the bargain.

The day passes rather slowly for me, although I stay in good a good deal later than normally because I expect it to be raining. When I finally get up and raise the blinds the sun is shining but luckily it is too late for a walk before lunch.

Labor in the day tea helps to restore my spirits, especially in Manchester, where they serve current bread as a matter of course and two different sorts of tencakes.

I always feel that if I could get to know a few wealthy burghers, aldermen, or even officials of a television network, the week might be more profitable, but somehow I never do.

Sitting one evening in the restaurant, however, I did spy a lovely Chinese girl with a most impressive-looking escort in a dinner jacket.

"Who would that be?" I asked the waiter.

"He is the owner of the Club," he told me.

"What goes on there?" I asked.

"But everything," the waiter answered. "Baccarat, roulette, Mah Jong... the lot."

"I would love to go there," I told him. "How about getting me an introduction?"

Ten minutes later I was upstairs in bed as usual. I don't suppose the waiter was telling the truth but then... he just might have been.

Liverpool, which was next on my list, seemed this time even more like Manchester than Manchester itself. The entrance hall of the hotel is always piled high with luggage labelled for Samoa or New Guinea, and since one is going on only to Glasgow oneself, that makes for discontent straight away.

Organised

In Liverpool, however, there is now at least one good restaurant that stays open until midnight and an avant-garde theatre run, like one of those conducted tours of the Greek islands, by Sam Wanamaker.

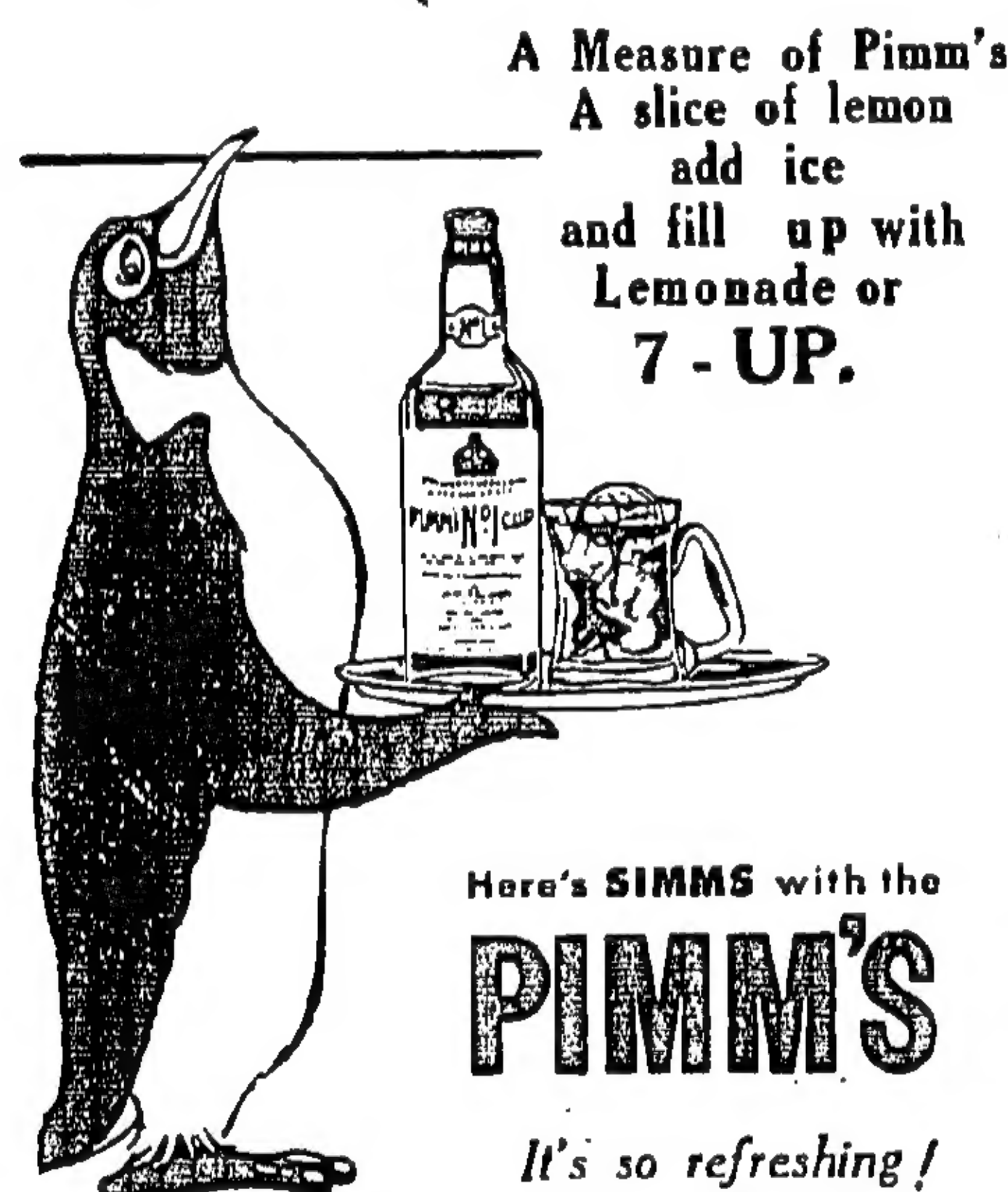
On we went to Glasgow, where better comedians than me have bitten the dust. There is a legend that here they once made Cyril Ritchard cry.

I managed to keep a stiff upper lip, although, most evenings, the theatre was far from gay.

The Station Hotel, on the other hand, was very gay indeed. Night after night the revellers, some of them actually wearing the kilt, packed the private suites and public rooms. At a late hour they were still reeling around.

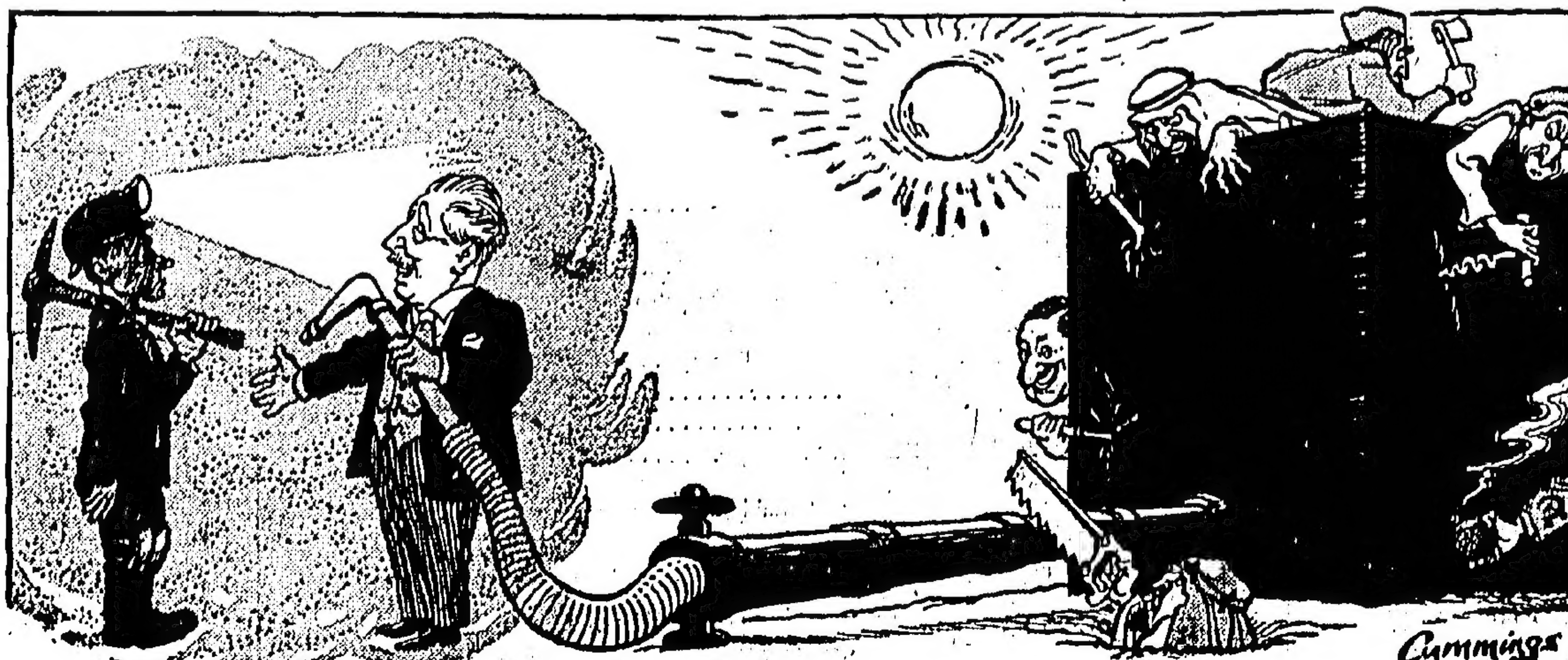
I am not a prude. Indeed, I like to see people having fun and enjoying themselves, and if I detected a slightly feverish quality in all this gaiety, a hint of abandon sometimes in the self-operating lift, I refrained from raising my eyebrows.

It was just that I couldn't help feeling that it would have been more wholesome for some of them to have started their evening's dissipation in the theatre where I was performing.



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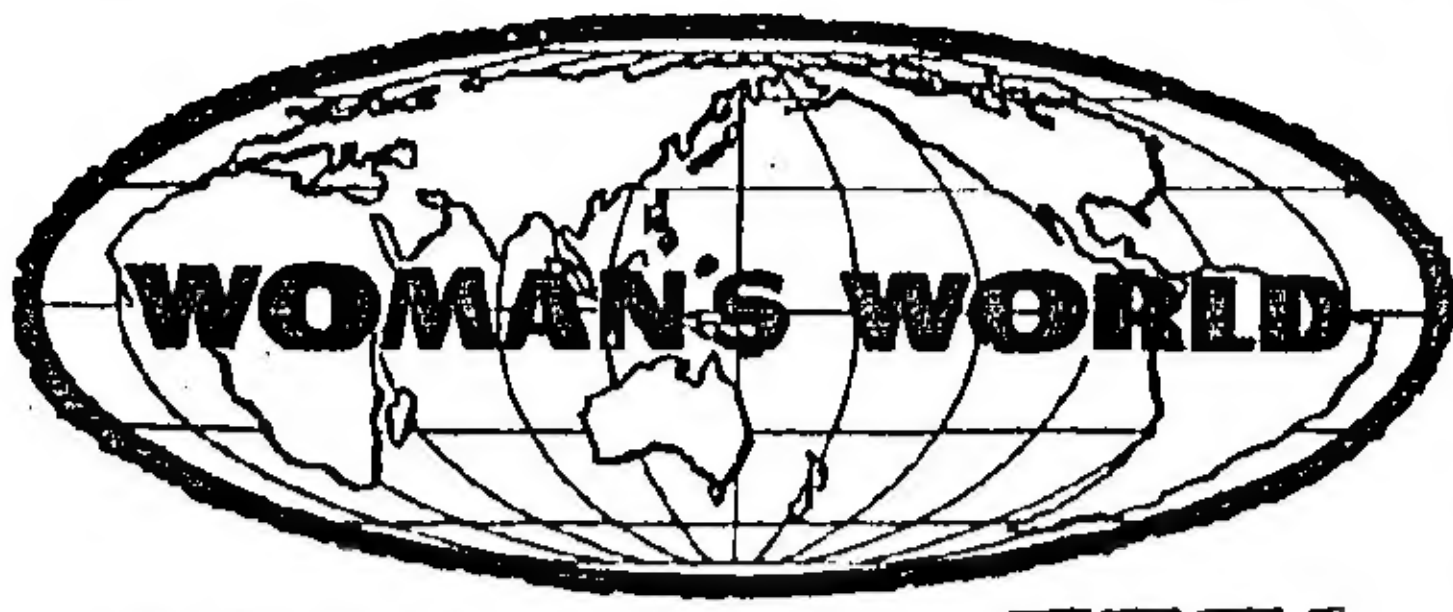


"SORRY ABOUT YOUR COAL, MY DEAR CHAP, BUT NOWADAYS WE HAVE SUCH A SPLENDID OIL-CANI"

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CASUALS AND CLASSICS

Newest In Trews



FEET CAN FEEL

London. "Most women claim that their pointed-toe, high-heeled shoes are quite comfortable, yet if the lights in a cinema were suddenly and unexpectedly turned up, one would find that a considerable number of those same women had thankfully discarded those same comfortable shoes under the blessed cover of darkness," the article said.

But it admitted that the deformities generally begin with ill-fitting shoes worn in childhood.

Among the worst habits outlived by the medical press were buying shoes for youngsters without bringing them to the shop and keeping new shoes "for best" and forcing children to use a worn out pair during the week.

Shrunken old socks can also mean the beginnings of old age limbs, the Journal warned.

More British women than care to admit it feel the pinch where it hurts most, the Medical Press said in a down-to-earth look at the nation's walking habits.

Deep toes and high heels are all very well, the Journal says, but too often sufferings are accepted as part of walking with a fashionable look.

The Medical Press article complains that "the tyranny of fashion and the reluctance of manufacturers to produce shoes in an adequate range of fittings are major obstacles to progress."

The Journal's evidence collected by the Journal shows that people, especially women, too often take corns, bunions, and deformed toes as a natural penalty for staying up with the latest shoe fashions.

ITALY owes much of its influence in international fashion to the reputation which it has gained through its boutique and wholesale houses. In fact, it now leads the world so far as boutique and casual wear are concerned, some of the original boutiques have attained the status of couture houses.

This rise in Italy's importance as a fashion centre was due to originality in design and in the use of fabrics, resulting in constantly increasing interest on the part of overseas buyers.

The choice of fabric is still one of the principal attractions of the Italian boutiques, for their designs range from the light-hearted to the motifs associated with folklore, ancient tapestries and heraldic armorial bearings. Women everywhere can gain the Italian touch in their casual and sports wear if they follow some of the styles presented by these firms, some of which now produce

By GINA POPESINA

thousands of ready-made clothes.

Wool fabrics are favourites with Italian boutiques, and one only has to see the hand-woven wools of VALDIEVE, the embroidered wools of ADRIA, and the printed wools of MYRICA to appreciate that, quite apart from their design ability, the boutiques have an unquestionable taste in cloth.

For winter

For the winter FALCONETTO has chosen a series of beautiful printed wool fabrics with exclusive designs and in striking colours. Arabesques, stripes, and giant polka-dots are the motifs used in cloth with colour combinations such as black and violet, brown and violet, and white, and violet and red.

CAMISONE has chosen a printed wool fabric, the design of which, in grey and charcoal, imitates perfectly the loops of a thick rough tweed, and he has used it to make up an after-ski ensemble. The same design is used, in two shades of pink, for the blouse and the lining of the jacket in a mountain ensemble in green-olive gaberdine.

EMILIO has studied a new series of floral designs for the new printed wools. In gay colours on pale backgrounds, and he will launch these for next summer.

For town

BERTOLI, who usually features his favourite afternoon and cocktail models, has forsaken them for an interesting series of town suits and

coats in very fine wool fabrics like loden, velour, and tweed.

Making a slightly different approach to winter wear, GIORGIO AVOLIO uses several tartan and checked wools for his classical-styled ensembles, and suggests new combinations of colours and designs, examples being off-white combined with a beige and brown checked wool fabric, brown wool with violet, and green wool for a suit to be worn under a red coat.

At GLANS one can see new printed wool fabrics with Indian designs presenting exquisite contrasts of fawn, black, and white, and a series of beautiful tartan cloths used for the new pancho-jackets which are designed for wear at mountain resorts. Another model there is a sailing outfit in black and turquoise wool which has large fancy stripes. It has a bulky hood in black wool knitwear.

Loden skirts at GLANS are full, soft, warm and feather-light, and they are in bright colour combinations of red and orange, and pink and yellow.



It's the warmest way to dress. The problem is whether you have the legs. Try the style anyway and judge from comments whether or not it suits you. — Photo by Reuter.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

NORTH		6	
♠ A Q J 9 3			
♥ K Q 2			
♦ 8 3			
♣ 10 8			
WEST (D)	EAST		
♠ K 2	♠ 10 8 7 6 5 1		
♥ 10 6 5	♥ A 4		
♦ A K 5	♦ Q J 10		
♣ K J 6 3 2	♣ 9 5		
SOUTH			
♠ None			
♥ J 9 8 7 3			
♦ 9 7 4 2			
♣ A Q 7 4			
North and South vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	1 ♠	Double	1 NT
Double	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead... ♠ 5			

ace and king of diamonds and led a third trump. South won in dummy and discarded one club on the jack of spades.

Now South ruffed dummy's last diamond and led a small club toward dummy's ten. West went up with the jack, but now had to lead a club right back to declarer's ace.

East and West had made one spade, one heart, two diamonds and one club, but South had made the other eight tricks and his contract.

It is worthy of note that there are lots of lines of defence, but not one will beat the hand if declarer plays it right.

WEST knew that South was floundering around in the bidding and failed to realize that South just might have landed in the right spot.

His career as a doubler had started in 1940 when he was given it up for any such consideration as that he really did not have a double of two hearts.

He did give the hand good defence, but South gave it even better play and wound up making game and rubber.

East won the opening trump lead and returned the suit. South won in dummy and discarded two diamonds on the ace and queen of spades. West was in with the king. He cashed the

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1 ♠ Double 1 ♥ 1 ♠
Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 8 2 ♥ A K 7 3 ♦ A Q J 4 2
What do you do?
A—Bid six spades. What are you waiting for? At the worst the slam will depend on a finesse.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
East South West North
1 ♠ Double 2 ♠ 2 ♠
Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ K J 9 7 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ Q 5 2 A 10
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

BORN today, you have a rather complex personality. It is not one easily understood, and hence you are often misunderstood by all but your very closest friends and family. You are a person who is sometimes baffled at your sudden changes of mood and are not always sure where they stand with you. You are a good friend, loyal and true, but you have in you a person for a long time before admitting him or her into your select company of intimates. You can be cool and aloof when in the company of strangers. Yet for some magnetic personality makes you attractive to everyone you meet. This is a paradox not easy to evaluate.

The scientist vies with the artist in you and there are times when it seems that you do, indeed, have a split personality. Probably the best way to settle this is to select one area as your profession and the other as your avocation. Then if you schedule your life carefully, you will have plenty of time for the variety of intellectual expression which your temperament needs for contentment.

You men will be happiest if well while quite young, for you need the

love and devotion of a family that understands you. Select someone who is your intellectual equal, yet a person who understands your needs and is willing to cope with them and will always let you be the boss at home.

Among those born on this date are Edward Alexander MacDowell, pianist and composer, Samuel J. May, Unitarian minister, author, and abolitionist; Dr. Gladys Dick, physician and pioneer in infectious diseases; John Abbott, noted theologian; Theodore Albrandt, French psychologist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Margo is a very creative person—she always sprinkles nuts on top of her ready-mix cakes!"

How Nice Do You Smell?

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

EVERYONE is conscious of his breath these days, thanks to the advertising campaigns of various companies. And a person with halitosis, or bad breath, is apt to find himself somewhat of a social outcast.

But even if you do have halitosis, don't worry, my friends. Because, as these advertisements say, there really is a lot that can be done about it.

It's a Symptom
Generally, we consider halitosis as a symptom, not as a disease. And most frequently it is a symptom of faulty oral hygiene, or poor teeth.

If you don't brush your teeth and use dental floss after each meal—let's face it, how many of us do?—food particles are likely to stagnate between the teeth and the gum margins. As these food particles decompose, they produce a very unpleasant odour. As a matter of fact, most fibres can become foul within a matter of hours.

Similar Odour
Improperly cared-for teeth can produce a similar odour. Naturally, any cavities should be filled and tar removed in periodic visits to your dentist. Pyorrhea is also a common cause of halitosis.

There can be many other causes, too. Disorders of the sinus, the tonsils and the nose are factors in some cases. Any accumulation of infected material in these areas might result in bad breath.

Other Causes
Chronic disturbances of the liver, stomach, intestines and even disorders of the lungs can bring on halitosis. And, of course, let's not forget excessive smoking.

So much for the causes. Now let's consider the cure.

In a great many cases, good oral hygiene will eliminate all

of the offensive odour. As has been said so many times: "Good breath begins with good teeth."

Care of Teeth

Brush your teeth thoroughly after each meal. That means brushing them AFTER breakfast, not before. If you just can't possibly brush them after the nighttime meal, at least rinse your mouth with water several times.

Chewing an apple will help, too. It has sort of an abrasive action somewhat like brushing your teeth.

An ordinary antiseptic mouthwash probably will help eliminate, or at least reduce, objectionable breath for about two hours.

If these measures fail to help you, better see your dentist or your physician.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Knarf's Friend Flip

—He Was Formerly A Church Mouse—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow-Boy with the Turned-Around Name, came up from the cellar and sat down beside his sister Hanid. She had been sewing a button on her dress.

She looked up at her brother. "Where were you?" she asked. "Down in the cellar," replied Knarf.

"Doing what?" asked Hanid.

Visited A Friend

"I went to pay a visit," said Knarf, "to a friend of mine who lives down there."

"A friend of yours? I didn't know you had any friends living in the cellar," said Hanid.

"Certainly I have," Knarf told her. "He lives in a hole in the wall behind the old trunk on top of the ledge at the back of the cellar. My friend's name is Flip."

"Flip?" repeated Hanid. "He's a Mouse," Knarf explained.

Hanid looked surprised.



Flip thanked Hanid for bringing him the cheese.

"I've known Flip for quite a long time," continued Knarf, "only I've never told about him."

"Why not?" Hanid asked.

Doesn't Like Cats
"Flip is very funny," said Knarf. "He thought if I told people that he was living in the cellar, the news of this would get to the Cat. Flip doesn't like the Cat. I mean, Flip hates the Cat."

Hanid nodded. "All mice hate all cats," she said.

"Flip is a wonderful Mouse," said Knarf.

"Is he?" asked Hanid. "Why?"

"Everybody has read about him," Knarf said.

A puzzled expression appeared on Hanid's face.

"I don't think I've ever read about your friend Flip, the Mouse," she finally said.

Lived In A Church
"Oh yes, you have," Knarf said. "Flip used to live in a church."

"The church Mouse?" Hanid exclaimed.

"That's right," said Knarf.

"Did he really live in a church?" Hanid asked.

"Oh yes," said Knarf. "And he liked it very much. His grandfather still lives there."

The next time he goes to visit his grandfather, he's going to take me with him."

"Ta like to go, too?" said Hanid.

"Of course," said Knarf. "He'll be glad to take both of us. He'll take us way up to the top of the church."

Up to the steeple?" Hanid asked.

"Yes," said Knarf. "Up to the steeple, where the bells are."

Rupert and the Carved Stick—41



When the boat is secured, and all three have landed, the gentleman makes a gesture of annoyance. "Tell me! How careless of me!" he grumbles. "In my excitement I've left that stick behind in the boat-house. Without it I can't climb up and down these steep



cliffs." But Rupert is keen to push on. "Won't you let Edward and me go up alone?" he begs. "Well, all right, I used to manage it when I was young, so I expect you can, although it's difficult," says the other. The pair are soon quickly scrambling upward.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

5TH RACE MEETING

Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th December, 1958
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 16 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, D'Agulhar Street and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

GUEST BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72611).
The 6th Floor is restricted to Members, and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooch.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For the purpose of a Child is a person under the age of seven years, whether a Student.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each per day and \$32.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Agulhar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th December, 1958 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race on 20th December 1958 and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 14th February 1959, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at—

Queen's Building, Chater Road and 5, D'Agulhar Street on—

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th December 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon on—

Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th December 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOTALISATOR

Speakers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS and TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

SINGAPORE, 18th December, 1958.

The 'Happy Wanderer' Of English Football

NO GREATER MYSTERY IN THE GAME THAN THE DON REVIE STORY

By TOM FINNEY

Once again, Don Revie is in the limelight. Leeds celebrate his arrival with their first-ever away victory over West Ham, and for 90 minutes the Don recaptures all his former glory. There is, I think, no greater mystery in football than the Revie Story.

Why does this talented player wander along such a tortuous Soccer trail? What is he seeking? And why do his performances vary so much from the ordinary to the sublime?

Today, he is Britain's costliest player. Already £83,000 has been paid in transfer fees for Don during his travels from Leicester to Hull, Manchester City, Sunderland and Leeds. Being a one-club man myself, I always had it a little difficult to understand the motives of such wanderers. They can hardly be financial. In fact, many of them sacrifice the chance of big benefits.

Common Reason

Sometimes players claim that they don't like the part of the country they are living in, or that they are not allowed to play the type of football they enjoy.

But I suppose the most common reason is that a man does not have very happy relations with either his team-mates or his manager.

For sure this does not apply to Don Revie. He is one of the most popular of all footballers, quiet, understanding and reliable.

So relaxed is Don that at Leicester he sometimes had to be awakened half-an-hour before the kick-off time — much to manager Duncan's alarm.

When he left Sunderland, Alan Brown said: "Don was one player I didn't want to lose. He's one of the greatest fellows in the game. We'll miss him."

That's the way it has always been. Supporters and team-mates all along the road have been sorry to part with the Don.

Sorry Too

I think in his own way Don has been sorry too. For don't you think it is a little odd that the "Happy Wanderer" should spend so much of his time moving from club to club?

Could it be, I wonder, that the thing he is really seeking is something better than football?

This could certainly account for the switchback course of his career. The rise and fall of Don Revie has become an old, familiar story.

Remember how he shone brightly under the Leicester Cup banner in 1949 and then I did into the shadows at Hull.

With Manchester City he again starred on the road to Wembley in the 1954-55 season and was elected Footballer of the Year.

Yet almost before the next campaign was under way, Don was playing second-team football.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1959 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

That the City once more won through to Wembley. Dramatically, Don Revie was promoted into the senior team to give a match-winning performance.

With Sunderland, he no longer made headlines. But it would be a man who'd prophesied that the Don's career won't rise again.

Even if he retired tomorrow, he has earned his right to a place in Soccer's Hall of Fame by revolutionising British football with the deep-lying centre-forward plan.

I had been particularly interested in this tactic since the 1947-8 season when I first saw it exhibited by Bickel of Switzerland. I had always wondered how effectively it would be when carried out by a great player.

I was given my answer in 1953 when the Hungarians came to Wembley and Hidegkuti tore down the English defensive shield.

Tactical Skill

Apart from paving the way for the success of his inside-forwards, Purkiss and Kocsis, he also scored three goals himself.

After that, it was inevitable that some British clubs would attempt to adopt this recipe of success. But it wasn't easy to find men capable of carrying out Hidegkuti's role.

For the key player in this plan needed so many qualities — supreme fitness, great tactical skill and complete mastery of the long ball.

As his passes travel a long way, he has to be deadly accurate. He is just slightly out of touch, the whole scheme of attack can collapse like a pack of cards.

Manchester City were convinced that in Don Revie they had such a player — and Preston were chosen as the guinea-pigs.

I still remember that afternoon well. Don tried desperately hard, but nothing would go right for the City and we were romped home by five clear goals.

Afterwards a dejected Revie told manager Les McDowall that he considered the plan a failure. McDowall asked him to try again. Despite his misgivings, Don threw himself into the task.

City's Faith

It is to his credit, I think, that he triumphed in a role which he had at first opposed.

Following Manchester City's success, more and more clubs experimented with the deep-lying centre-forward plan.

Ronnie Allen adopted it and played a big part in West Brom's 1954 Cup win over Preston.

And Manchester City have never lost their faith in the plan. First Bobby Johnstone took over the role from Revie and now I understand that the thoughtful George Hounan is exploiting it successfully.

But few other clubs have retained the idea. There aren't many Don Revies around.

At Elland Road, Leeds, he will find the fans still mourning the loss of big John Charles. But looking for another star to replace him is not his job.

Could Don be that star? I am certain he could be. But maybe it will all depend upon one thing.

Will Don Revie find at Elland Road the happiness he's been seeking these last 10 years?
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MCC 30 For No Wicket

Launceston, Dec. 18.

The MCC were 30 for no wicket after the first hour of their three-day cricket match against the Combined XI at Launceston, Tasmania, today.

Arthur Milton and Willie Watson scored slowly on a fairly easy wicket against an accurate attack. Milton was at 13 and Watson at 17.—Reuter.

Bridge Record

Belfast, Dec. 18.

Four students of Queen's University here set up a new world marathon bridge record last night of 61 hours 28 minutes 10 seconds.

They topped the existing 60-hour record claimed by four Birmingham University students. The students began playing at 10 a.m. on Monday inside a Belfast building.

They were supervised by 12 adjudicators working a rota system.

The students Michael Trevitt (19), Peter Beachwood (18), Justin Phillips (20), and Desmond Derby (19) were all exhausted, but otherwise felt no ill effects.—Reuter.

Russians Now Coaching UAR Athletes

Cairo, Dec. 17.

A Soviet 20-strong training squad is coaching United Arab Republic athletes for the 1960 Rome Olympics, the newspaper "Al Ahran" revealed today.

The presence of the Russian coaches was divulged when Russian sprint and hurdle specialist, Evgeni Kuznetsov, from the third floor window of his hotel, he was badly hurt.

Aham said that the trainers are teachers at the "Superior Institute of Physical Education".—France-Press.

EMOTIONAL FIREWORKS AND BRILLIANT TENNIS BY U.S. DAVIS CUP PLAYERS

Perth, Dec. 17.

Barry Mackay and Alex Olmedo battled each other, the officials and the ball-boys today in a tension-packed practice match for the No. 2 singles berth on the United States Davis Cup team.

Hon Richardson has the No. 1 singles assignment for the week-end inter-zone tennis series with Italy. Mackay and Olmedo fought for the other singles place today in a 90-minute, no-holds-barred struggle that delighted Perry Jones, non-playing captain of the Yank squad.

Olmedo won the first set, 17-15, and led 3-0 in the second when the Americans had to give up the centre court. It was the best tennis Olmedo or Mackay has shown in Australia this year. Jones said he would not decide which would get the other singles assignment against Italy until just before the draw is made on Thursday.

The winners of the Friday-Saturday-Sunday series between the Yanks and Italians will challenge Australia for the Cup at Brisbane on December 29-31.

Mackay of Dayton, Ohio, and Olmedo, a Peruvian living in Los Angeles, scored the ball-boys, angered Australian line-men and delighted Jones with today's fire exhibition.

One linesman stormed off the court after a bitter verbal duel with Olmedo. It started when Alex questioned the service linesman's decision on a Mackay serve.

"Watch the line, not the ball leaving the racket," Olmedo advised the linesman.

"Would you like me to leave the court during this exhibition?" "I'm just trying to help you," Olmedo said.

Walked Off

The linesman stood up, raised his hat slowly, bowed to Olmedo, then bowed to Mackay and walked off the court. The umpire called for a replacement.

Mackay, nervously bouncing a ball at the other end of the court during this exchange, finally said, "Anytime you're ready, folks, I'll continue."

The emotional fireworks began right at the start when Mackay shouted at one of the

inexperienced ball-boys to "get it" when he left a ball lying on the court. The ball-boys were students from a nearby school.

"Go ahead, are you leaving or what?" Mackay shouted at an Australian official who was moving about trying to coach the ball-boys in their duties.

"Hurled His Racket"

Mackay also dug a large divot of turf out of the court after missing a shot, hurled his racket at the canvas backdrop behind the court and slammed it at the same backstop.

Despite these outbursts, Mackay and Olmedo found time to play excellent tennis. Jones had a statstician keep a tally of the number of first services each had inside the square.

Olmedo clocked with 66 out of 101 and Mackay with 66 out of 90. They gave a brilliant exhibition of serve-and-volley power tennis.

Mackay and Olmedo played in 92-degree temperature. U.P.I.



For the first time in many months Tommy Atkins faces the problem of having no fewer than four sportsmen whose exploits during the week have merited prominence at the top of this column.

The only way to solve such a situation is to name the four. So take a bow boxers Ples Owen Jordan and Vernon Wake of 17 Lancashire Regt., the 155th Infantry, and the footballer of the week 2/Lieut John Lane REME.

As I forecast the boxing meeting between the Lancashire Regt. and the Police was an extremely well run show and very well attended in fact, this was by far the largest crowd I have seen at a local meeting. Thanks for the success are due to Mr John Collins, HKPSA, who from week of dawn to long after the crowds had gone, toiled to have everything both ready and cleared. He was very ably assisted by SSI John McArdle, A.P.C., the Regiment's most fanatical enthusiast in the boxing arena.

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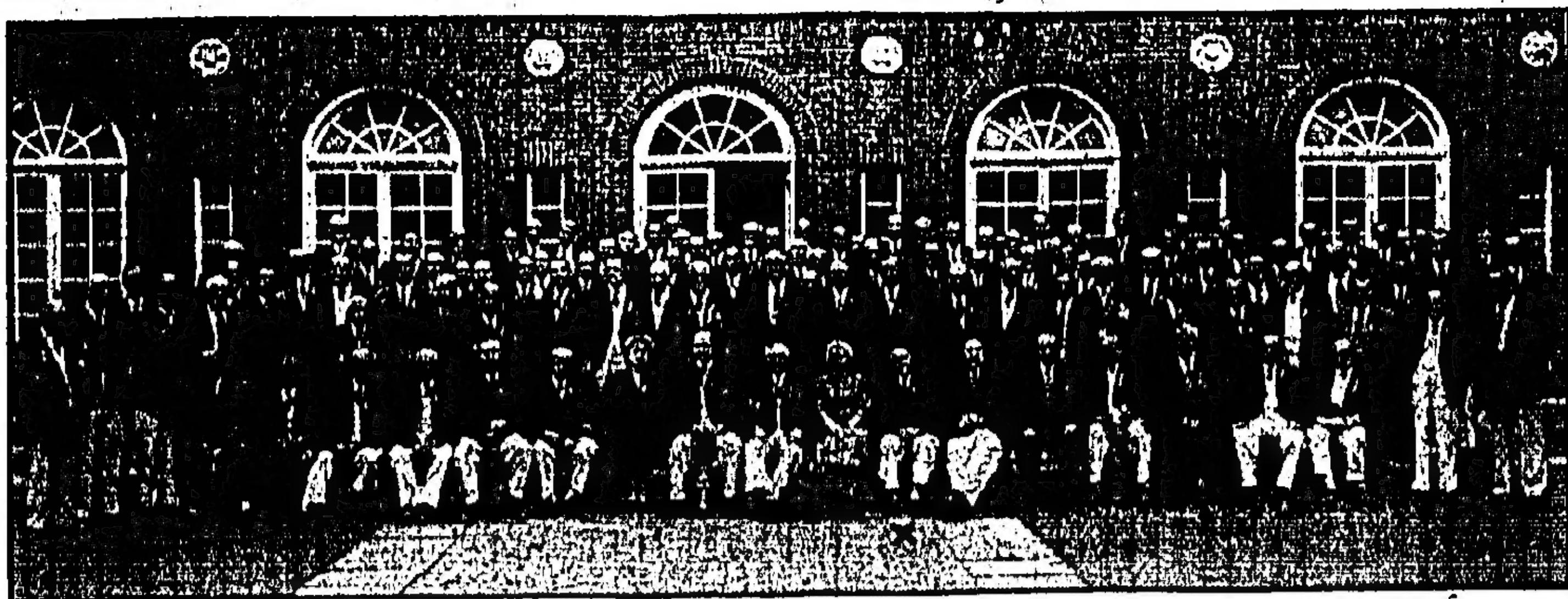
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HKPSA Success

The HKPSA's first success came via Rex Williams who was a little too good for a very plucky Pte Dennis Topping, but the Regiment went on its winning way when Brian Michael Hill

RARE HONOUR FOR HK LAWN BOWLER



Group photo taken during the recent Bert Keech Memorial match between Great Britain's International team and Sussex County at Preston Park, Brighton.

Identified with a cross is Mr. W. G. Cross, President of the English Bowling Association. On his right are Mrs. Saddler and Councillor A. J. Sadler, J.P., Mayor of Brighton. On his left is Hongkong's Mr. B. W. Bradbury.

Bradbury Given Place In England's International Team

A rare honour was recently conferred on the well-known Hongkong veteran lawn bowler B. W. Bradbury by the English Bowling Association, when he was included in the English International team which met Sussex County in the recent 18-rink Bert Keech Memorial match at Preston Park, Brighton. The match was won by the Internationals.

Seventy-one past and present British Internationals made up the England team, and the local bowler was selected on his brilliant past records in Hongkong lawn bowls, his fine performances in the Epsom Cup as a member of the Hongkong team and also on the fact that he was one of the triple team which won the Sussex Championship in 1930.

Mr Bradbury who has just returned from a UK holiday, was

present in all Hongkong's lawn bowls matches at the Empire Games at Cardiff as a member of the Colony's Selection Committee. He commented that on the whole Hongkong put up a creditable show, but one lesson they learnt was that in future bowlers above 50 years of age should not be chosen for these strenuous competitive games. They simply cannot stand playing two matches a day, for five or six days running.

Olson's Fight Purse Seized

Fresno, Dec. 17. The fight purse of light heavyweight, Carl Bobo Olson, who scored a technical knock-out over Tommy Villa here last night, was today seized by order of the California Boxing Commission. Villa's purse was also seized.

The only light that can be thrown on the seizure is that Villa refused to continue after having been given five minutes rest, following a low blow delivered by former world middleweight champion, Olson. The commission is to open an enquiry.—France-Press.

HK Tennis Interport Team

The following players have been selected by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to represent Hongkong in the second leg of the "Levi Senado" Cup tennis interport match against Macao on December 21 and 22 at Macao.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21
Singles: Wei Lzunk (CRC), Ma Kin-lung (HKU), Lu Po-hay (HKU).

SUNDAY, DEC. 22
Doubles: Lu Po-hay and Ma Kin-lung (HKU); Chung Wing-kwong (Captain) and Chung Wah-chiu (Urban Council). The team will leave for Macao on Friday, December 19.

ARMY NORTH LEAD IN HEXANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY

Decisive 20-0 Win Over Police Yesterday

By PAK LO

With a decisive 20 points (four goals) to nil win over the Police yesterday afternoon, the Army North rugby XV moved to the top of the Hexangular Table, and now look like staying there for some time to come.

The new Police half combination of Johnston and O'Hare did not succeed, and after a bout of fifteen minutes Riach and Johnston switched places.

The Police pack gave their back division a slightly larger share of the ball from the scrums than did the Army North pack, but in the lineouts it was the same old story of Wynne and Muntz for the Army getting the ball almost every time. When the Police did get the ball they patted it back and with the Army breaking through their line, the work of the halves was seriously hampered.

Black did quite well, but kept running back into his own and the opponents' forwards when he should have passed out.

Scott in the centre of the Police thirds had a good game, but the rest spoiled their chances by balloning their passes high into the air.

Big Gaps

In defence the Police thirds left big gaps which the Army were quick to use to the disadvantage of the Police, and only Scott tackled really well. The Army North halves were a bit smoother yesterday with scrum-half Phillips again outstanding, while his partner the other Phillips was able to get his thirds moving nicely.

The whole of the Army North back division looked much happier, and were only in trouble when the Police fly backed the ball past them. However, they were soon able to recover, for the Police pack did little or no backing up, and were always struggling across the field after the play.

Bede-Cox on the wing had another fine game and so also did Boyes, in the centre of the thirds.

The Police had as many chances as the Army North, but unlike the soldiers were unable to make any use of their chances. A little backing up row and then would have seen them score for they were often on the attack, but never finished off one of their moves.

Difficult Chance

In the fifth minute a loose maul formed about five yards from the Police line. The Army pack heeled and Phillips at stand-off broke through, dummied nicely and scored near the posts. Bede-Cox converted, 5-0.

Five minutes later Johnston was given a difficult chance with a penalty for offside from about forty yards out, but with the strong cross wind that was blowing them, his kick missed narrowly.

That was enough of a close shave for the Army North and their pack heeled on their own 25, and the ball moved out smoothly, and then with a lovely interpassing movement that left the Police completely baffled, Phillips, Army North's scrum half, scored under the posts. Bede-Cox converted 10-0.

Missed Penalties

Before half-time Johnston missed another two penalties. The second one was a little unlucky for he hit the upright, and the ball bounced back over the heads of his scrumming forwards and was knocked on by a Policeman before they could do any damage.

The Army opened the second half with a strong attack. Led by their forwards who took the

ball to within ten yards of Police line, they heeled from a loose maul and scrum half, Phillips got the ball and broke through to score well out.

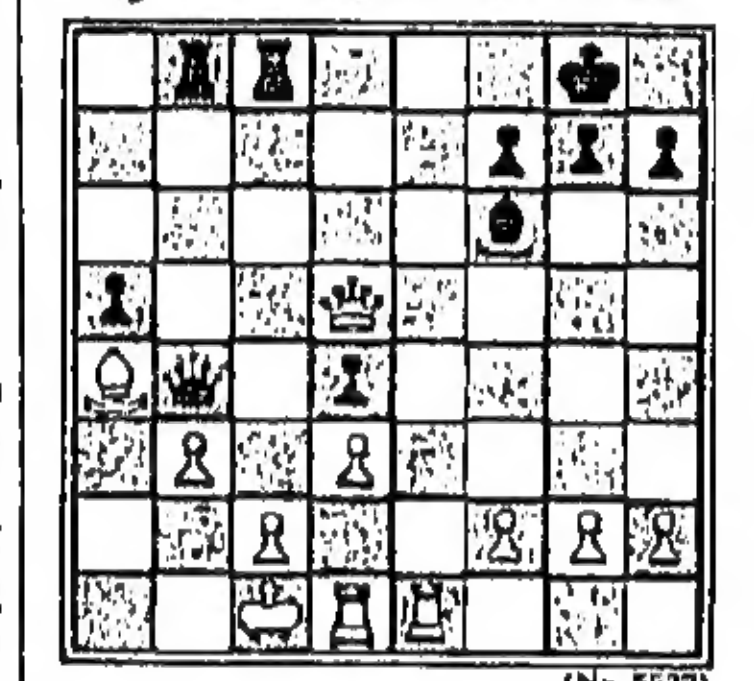
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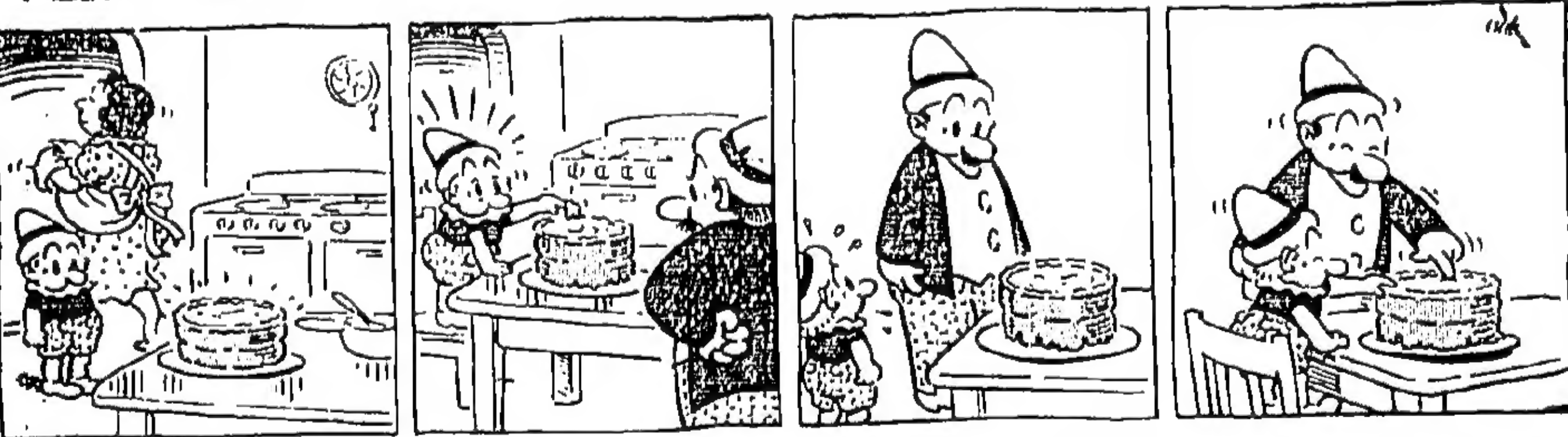
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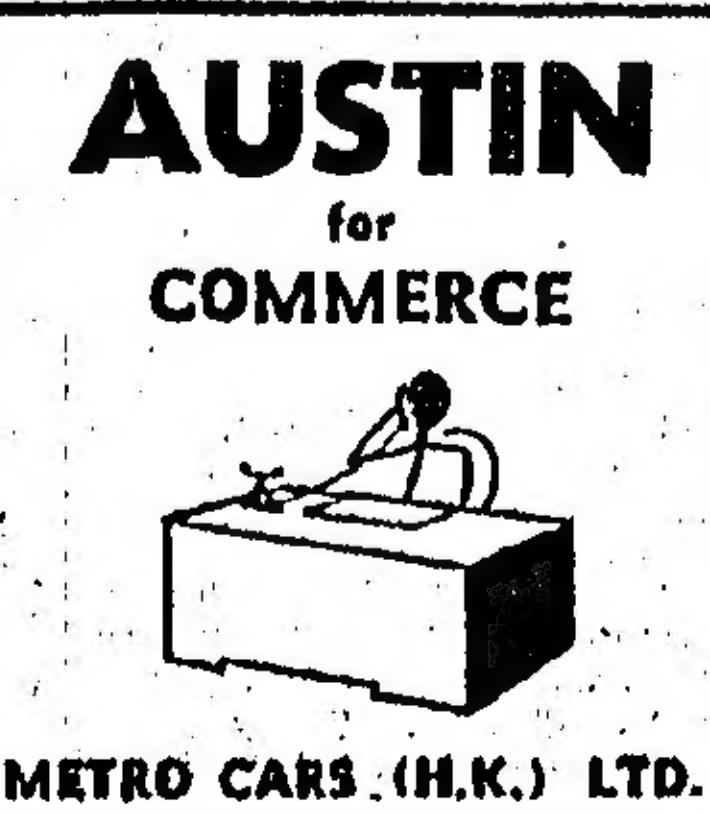
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have threatened to strike if the Government
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week rent they pay for their quarters. Here
is an account of the swearing in of a
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BEEFEATERS TOAST NEWCOMER IN OLD CELL

London.
Within the gloomy, fog enshrouded confines of
the Tower of London a colourful ceremony
was enacted—the swearing in of a new "beef-
eater" or yeoman warder.
The newcomer, 18-year-old ex-RSM Jack Beasley, of the
Royal Military Police, was sworn in first as a yeoman
warder of the Tower of London and then as a special
constable of the Tower Liberty.

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JAPAN NEWSLETTER By David Gordon

U.S. Marriage Pamphlet Shocks Japan

GIRL SOLDIER IS BACK IN SKIRTS



Yael Dayan, 19-year-old ex-Lieutenant in the Israeli Army, went shopping in London recently.

Yael is the daughter of retired General Moshe Dayan, who stormed through the Sinai Desert during the Suez War.

Says Yael, who was demobilized two months ago: "I've been sleeping with my rifle under my pillow for two years. It's nice to wear pretty clothes again."

But she says: "I wouldn't have missed my two years in the army. I think compulsory military service (all girls are called up in Israel) would be good for English girls, too."

Lieutenant Dayan managed to snatch half an hour each morning to write her first novel, which is now in the hands of a London publisher.

Title of the book is "New Face in the Looking Glass" and it tells of the experiences of a 17-year-old girl who joins the Israeli Army.

Yael is in London on a three-week visit and she is writing a television play.

Pictures show Yael in uniform and Yael as she now is in civilian life.—Express Service.

Don't Worry, H-Bombs Only Strike Once!

London.
Once a nuclear bomb has dropped in your area it is unlikely that there will ever be another in the district, says Dr G. D. Kersley, in the British Medical Journal.

This is one "reassuring" point he suggests might be told the public to reduce panic during a nuclear war.

Other points Dr Kersley lists —he is consultant physician at the Royal National Hospital for rheumatic diseases, Bath—are:

- Flash blindness is often temporary though lasting hours.
- Mild face burns may cause loss of vision due to oedema for 24-48 hours only.
- The apathy in this country "perhaps especially among the medical profession" towards defence is very evident, he says.

These are the steps he recommends should an H-bomb conflict occur:

- Plans must be made in advance for dispersal of population and voluntary partial evacuation by families in target areas. About 80 per cent of all patients would be sent home from all hospitals. Hospitals in the target areas would be completely cleared.
- Enrolment, organisation and teaching of auxiliary nurses is of paramount importance.
- The "stay put" policy must be completely accepted: not only would evacuation after an incident increase risk to the individual from fall-out, but it would hamper rescue.
- There might also be nowhere for the evacuee to go. A badly bombed but just habitable house was better than none at all.

Everyone must learn some first-aid, home nursing and self-help. There would be no medical service available for minor casualties. Those in a fall-out area could expect no help for the first two days.

After a few days of holocaust there would be a long, long period attempting to re-mark the world into a place in which it would be possible to exist, says Dr Kersley.

"There are two things that will reduce the risk of such a disaster—being strong, and being prepared for the worst,"—Ching Mail Special.

"Stay Put"

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Tokyo.
The subject of mixed marriages hit the headlines in a big way when it was discovered that a pamphlet discouraging the practice, was being distributed at many U.S. Armed Forces' chapels throughout Japan.

The offending publication, "If I Marry A Foreigner," was apparently printed some years ago on "private orders" of a former Army Chaplain, but how it suddenly turned up in Japan has not been explained by American authorities who were good enough to have it withdrawn once attention had been drawn to it.

Though the booklet did not specify "Japanese" the inferences were numerous enough with dire hints on the awful possibilities of having one's child "raised as a heathen" or the serious effect on Mom and Pop of finding themselves in-laws of a daughter not quite the purest white.

Quite rightly in a way, certain sections of Japanese society, endorsed the warnings—but in reverse.

The spokesmen and women who took this stand, soundly denounced Japanese girls for marrying U.S. servicemen, pointing out that most of them were ignorant hillbillies incapable of shouldering the full responsibilities of matrimony.

But the majority cried "insult" and the verbal barrage thundered.

As usual, statistics were dragged out to prove something and "case histories" disclosed. But one fact emerged very clearly—more than 4,000 American servicemen marry Japanese girls each year despite the obstacles obviously placed in their way.

Some of the more loathsome attitudes of officialdom also came to light.

And Japanese girl willing to submit to the indignities of being "intimately questioned" must state whether she is now, or ever was a prostitute before getting her "clearance."

The American civilian has less bother, but if he wishes to take his wife to the United States, he must suffer having her go through a similarly insulting and degrading performance.

Another subject, largely affecting Americans, also had an airing as editorials treated of Japan's deplorable custom of dragging out criminal trials for years.

One famous case just ended after a mere 10 years of court sessions.

Another which affects the American manager of an American bank, has now been going on for three years, and the judge in charge said this week there was a fair chance of it being concluded next year as he had arranged 10 sessions for 1959.

It should be noted that no case—either civil or criminal—is ever started and dealt with on consecutive days until concluded. The opening session is occupied with the reading of the indictment, making certain that the culprit or defendant can be fairly easily distinguished from his counsel or the policeman to whom he is manacled, and some post observations on the state of the weather.

The judge, with no small degree of optimism as to his—and everyone else's—chances of becoming centenarians, picks a date in the distant future to have another pleasant get-together.

tences of 3½ years which must be served to the day.

If anybody wishes to deal severely with a Japanese taxi-driver—which most of us yearn to do—it is better to pick on one in a bar, and murder him. This can be laughed away as a bit of drunken fun, and if a sentence is passed at all, it is usually suspended.

If a person inflicts injuries on a burglar in the course of protecting his property and his life, he stands a good chance of going to gaol while the burglar is graciously permitted to continue practicing his profession as apparent consolation for the trouble he was put to coming to court to give evidence against his would-be victim.

On the other hand, some laws are rigidly enforced to the point of the utterly ridiculous.

Not so long ago a foreign couple took a trip to Hong Kong. While enjoying the delights of the Colony, their son and daughter aged 10 and 12 respectively, were locked up by the police as "illegal entrants" because their Alien Registration Certificates had expired in the meantime.

A lawyer friend of the family managed to extricate the kids from the coils of the law after they had experienced a week of life behind bars.

It is technically possible for the police to arrest alien babies as "criminals" at the age of six weeks if the doing parents overlooked registering them correctly.

I don't know if any other country has such things as unwedded criminals, but in Japan it is possible to embark on a career of crime before one's first birthday.

On the political front, Prime Minister Kishi appears headed for serious trouble both without and within his own party.

He stands little chance of surviving the pressure to move out as leader of the Liberal Democrats and will last only until the warring factions among them cease squabbling and jockeying long enough to choose another.

Nationalist China's new Foreign Minister, Huang Shao Ku, arrived here on his way back from the United States, to find that the Foreign Ministry of Japan had failed to send a representative to the airport to greet him—despite the fact that his impending visit for high-level talks had been notified well in advance.

In a huff he cut short his stay and left it to his Embassy here to argue the matter of manners with his counterpart, Foreign Minister Fumimasa. Of course the Foreign Ministry flatly denied they had ever heard of the Chinese minister's intended visit even though firm appointments were written on various officials' date pads for him. This is a somewhat unusual case of lack of protocol, but it serves as a good example of the frequent rudeness displayed in this country which lays daily claim to its "traditional good manners."

Quite recently the president of a renowned airline was hauled with other directors and a group of quite distinguished guests from Europe.

He passed out some valuable gifts for which he was mostly not thanked, and on chartering a local airliner for a sightseeing tour, was galled to find that no single representative of the company—bar the usual clerks—was on hand to even see everything was in order let alone pay the usual courtesies indicated on such occasions.

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HOOVER & PARAMOUNT: "A King in New York," starring Charles Chaplin and Dawn Adams.
LEE & ASTOR: "Rebel Without a Cause," starring James Dean and Natalie Wood.
MAJESTIC: "The Barbarian and the Geisha," starring John Wayne.
RITZ: "Kings Go Forth," starring Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood.

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CARLTON HOTEL: Mario Francisco & His Combo, featuring Lisa Sokola.
CHAMPAIGN RESTAURANT: Rocky Fellers Combo with Chinese vocalists Mona Fong, Chan Kay and Thomas Chung with Iain Galsballan and his Quintet.
GARDEN: "The Princess Spitfire" Rita Rayell, and the Teen-Age Rock-'n'-rollers featuring the Elvis Presley of Manila.
PARAMOUNT: The Continental Revue and music by Chanselle and his Combo.
AMBAADOR: "Golden Glamour Girl" Nicki Lynn in Afro-Cuban Mood and "The Queen of Jazz" Terry King with Eddie Costa at piano.

RADIO HONGKONG
6.30 p.m. Thursday Club. Compiled and produced by Gillian Darling. 6.45 Time Signal. Portuguese Half-hour. 7.00 Pina Calvi. 7.15. 7.30. Weather Report. 7.45. The News. 7.50. Serial Thriller. 8.00. Hong Kong Hit Parade. 8.15. Talking about Books. "A Time has no End" by Thomas Armstrong. "King Rob" by Christopher Hibbert. The Story of Speculation. 8.30. Piano Playtime. 8.45. The News. 9.00. Time Signal. News & Home News from Britain. 9.15. Read by Brenda Allen from the novel by Vladimir Dudintsev. Translated by Dr. Edith Bone & adapted for broadcasting by David Fuller. 9.30. Let's Dance. 10.00. Western Report. 11.00. Soft Lights & Sweet Music. 11.30. Close Down.

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Puccini Centenary Concert

By D. E. GRAY

LAST evening at Lok Yew Hall, University of Hongkong, the Hongkong Choral Group presented a centenary concert of music by Giacomo Puccini.

This concert was under the direction of Elio Gualdi, who conducted a choir of about 30 singers, and for part of the programme the singers had the assistance of a small orchestra of just under 30 players.

Puccini is known throughout the world for his contribution to opera. Madame Butterfly, Tosca and La Boheme are familiar to most people, and it was fitting that the concert last evening closed with extracts from Boheme and Butterfly. Alexander Wong and Gaston d'Aquila took the tenor roles, Leung Young the soprano, and Guizhou Tsui the mezzo-soprano voices.

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The concert opened with a performance of Gloria, from a Mass (Messa di Gloria) written by Puccini when he was a boy of eighteen. Then followed a series of operatic solos to the accompaniment of piano only. The Boheme and Butterfly extracts were accompanied by orchestra.

I can only say it is very courageous of Mr Gualdi to put on a concert of this kind. It being a centenary concert, one is prepared in any event to pay homage to a great composer. But one wonders how far it is possible to go in this medium in a place like Hongkong.

Here the various races mingle and live in harmony assimilating portions of each other's culture with resultant benefit to all in the case of ordinary orchestral music and choral singing, no particular disadvantage is encountered. But, in the case of operatic music, the odds are very heavily weighted against anyone trying to produce this form of art successfully. To my ear, local voices are just not made for this sort of thing.

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Puccini gave impetus to that form of operatic writing known in Italy as *verismo*—real stories taken from everyday life; sometimes rather common and banal, but which were made operatic by a forceful kind of musical treatment—almost Italianized Wagner. It necessarily follows that Puccini required a brilliant orchestra—and he made heavy use of it in his operas.

The 28 players last night were nearly all members of the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra; but they could not be said to be a co-ordinated unit on any standards, obviously because of lack of balance, numbers and under-rehearsal.

It was just "scratching" orchestra of sorts. It is perhaps understandable that the standard of performance last night could not on any view be said to be high.

But bearing everything in mind, the wonder is that such a concert was able to be presented at all.

A WASTE OF PRISON FOOD

An opium smoker this morning asked a magistrate at Kowloon Court not to sentence him to prison because he would be wasting the Government's food.

In spite of his plea, the Magistrate, Mr. J. M. S. Donnell, sentenced Leung Lin, 45, to three weeks' imprisonment on a charge of smoking opium in a divan.

Man On Acid Throwing Charge

A 30-year-old photographer, Cho Hin, residing at the basement of No. 120 Calne Road was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning with throwing hydrochloric acid at a woman. Folk Sui-yin with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm.

Defendant was remanded for six days in goal custody for further inquiries.

ONE KILLED, 10 HURT ON HK ROADS

A young girl was killed and ten other people were injured in traffic accidents on the roads of the Colony in the past 24 hours.

The girl, Chan Sun-mui, aged three, of 42, Yung Shu Tau, Temple Street, ground floor, was knocked down by a lorry in Temple Street, near its junction with Public Square Street, yesterday. The child died shortly after arrival at Kowloon Hospital.

A 40-year-old man was hit by a private car in Nathan Road, near its junction with Arran Street, shortly after midnight last night. The injured man, Wong Keung-fung, of 188, Shan King Street, Lo Fu Ngai, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

5 Hurt

Four men and a girl were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital after being hit by a van in Shaukiwan Road, near its junction with Hot Chiu Street, late last night.

The injured are Chung Ling, of 24, Tai Wong Street, East, first floor, Tong Chai-leung, Chan Shing, of 7, Tung Shan Street, Chi Man New Village, Chan Tak-hung, of 214, Hennessy Road, second floor, and Chan Sun-nat, of 7, Tung Sha Street, Chi Man New Village.

Busy Day Begins For Visiting Cardinal

After celebrating Mass at the Roman Catholic Cathedral early this morning, His Eminence Gregory Peter Cardinal Agagianian, Roman Catholic Patriarch of Armenia, began a busy round of engagements. He first called at Government House where he signed the visitors' book.

Then, accompanied by the Most Rev. Lawrence Bianchi, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, Msgr. Shok, Vicar General, Msgr. Tou, Secretary of the Cardinal and Father C. H. Vath, Director of the Catholic Centre, he went to On Lok where he blessed the new Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

A crowd of 3,000 massed around the church received the Cardinal's benediction.

Welcomed by Father J. H. Wong, parish priest, the cardinal said he was glad to see so many people at the church.

"A good Catholic is also a person who is good for his country and his city," he said.

From On Lok, Cardinal Agagianian went to Tung Tao Tuen where he inaugurated Bishop Ford's Memorial School. After the inauguration he blessed the school and children lining the road.

Monty Duel May Not Take Place

Rome, Dec. 17.

Signor Vincenzo Caputo, the Italian monarchist, whose recent duel challenge to Lord Montgomery was accepted by another Englishman, Mr. R. Bridgland, announced today that he was not yet actually sure he would be able to fight after all.

Mr. Bridgland who described himself as "former subordinate of Lord Montgomery," lives in north London.

A statement issued by the "Italian Nationalist Association" of which Signor Caputo is President, said one of its committee members had been appointed to investigate whether he is a personality of sufficient stature to justify his enroachment on the territory of the national president.

Signor Caputo's duel challenge came as a result of Lord Montgomery's criticism of Italian soldiers in his war memoirs, China Mail Special.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TV Programmes

Sir, I have read with trepidation Mr. John Luff's Telerit column and as he apparently considers that he has been invested with authority to speak for all viewers, I hasten to correct him in this respect. As a viewer and a critic Mr. Luff is fully entitled to express his own opinion, but he is hardly qualified to speak for "every other TV viewer," taking into consideration that some of these may not be sports-fans.

Indeed, I am concerned, excluding the Chinese language programmes on which I am in no position to pass judgment, the features I detest most are those depicting sports, and this includes the boring half-hour Happy Valley Horse-racing appeals to only a certain segment of the population and as no great distance separates an addict from Happy Valley, I feel it is unnecessary to televise this event.

The "canned" programmes which Mr. Luff criticises are those I favour, and while I object to the current unfortunate habit of retelevising programmes previously shown, I do enjoy the ones I have not seen. Admittedly these programmes are stereotyped, but has Mr. Luff considered the possibility that they might have a majority appeal? Presentation of "live" programmes is a very commendable ambition for TV stations, but until Hongkong can supply better and more interesting live shows these features should take second place to canned programmes. Mr. Luff is dogmatic in his statements that live shows have greater appeal, and to correct his erroneous impression I would suggest that he effect a comparison of the proportion of live programmes to canned ones in, say, the programmes supplied by a successful television station like ITA in the U.K. It will be found that the proportion of live programmes is small and that some features have been televised continuously for over a year. This is in discord with his theory that viewers—and here it is the majority and not the minority to whom I refer—soon tire of the same type of programmes.

I do not intend that Rediffusion should infer from this letter that they have a very satisfied subscriber who is giving a blanket approval to their programmes. There is room for much improvement, particularly in the standard of the evening long features which are quite unsatisfactory. However, I do not think that implementation of Mr. Luff's recommendation is a step in the right direction. The solution to the problem may be found in Rediffusion to conduct a poll of the viewers' preferences and I shall not be surprised if the result will prove that Mr. Luff and his supporters are in the minority.

A VIEWER.

Suspects Detained

Two men have been arrested by the Police in Kowloon following two cases of snatching of cash from women pedestrians in the Shamshuipo District. The snatching incident occurred in Tung Choi Street and in Shun Ning Road.

HK Aircrew On Conversion Course



Three Cathay Pacific Airways senior captains and two flight engineers will shortly leave the Colony for a two-month stay in Burbank, California. They are the first of the specially selected personnel chosen to fly the first Lockheed prop-jet Electra commercial airliners which Cathay Pacific Airways will put into service next year.

At the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's school, they will attend flight training and indoctrination courses. They will learn the techniques of making the transition from piston-engined aircraft to the new Electra which is claimed to be the fastest prop-jet airliner in the world.

After they will take delivery of the first Electra aircraft ever to be used in the Far East and will conduct its ferry flight from the United States to Hongkong next April.

From the end of April next year, CPA will operate the Electra on four major routes—Hongkong-Singapore, Hongkong-Bangkok, Bangkok-Singapore and Hongkong-Manila. The aircraft's cruising speed is over 400-mph.

The total flight time on the Hongkong-Singapore route will be cut from 8 hours 10 minutes to 4 hours 35 minutes. The above picture shows the first personnel selected to fly the new prop-jet Electras.

Seen at Kai Tak Airport they are (left to right), Captain D. Smith, Captain P. Blown, Captain A. B. Armstrong, Flight Engineer R. J. Smith and Flight Engineer L. H. Weston.



Left to right: Mr. T. D. Sorby, the Hon. Kwok Chan and Mrs. Kwok Chan. They were photographed after their arrival at Kai Tak this morning by a China Mail cameraman.

TRADE MISSION MEMBERS BACK

South American Visit

Two members of Hongkong's official trade mission to Central America returned to the Colony this morning by PAA, after spending more than six weeks exploring the possibilities of expanding trade with the Central American states.

The Hon. Kwok Chan, O.B.E., leader of the delegation, and Mr. T. D. Sorby, Assistant Director of the Commerce and Industry Department were the returning members.

Mrs. Kwok Chan who accompanied her husband on the mission also returned today.

The third member of the party is Mr. P. V. Botelho, who is remaining in Guatemala to finish the work of the delegation. He will return to Hongkong in February via Brazil and Europe.

11 Countries

The tour, which took the delegation through 11 countries, was made primarily an exploration of trading possibilities to pave the way for individual merchants or manufacturers. The delegation's report will be made known within the next few weeks.

Among the countries they visited were: America, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. They also visited the British territories of Jamaica, Trinidad and British Guiana.

They were met at Kai Tak this morning by Mr. H. A. Angus, Director of the Department of Commerce and Industry, and T. C. Tung-choy, of the D.C. and I.

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Miss Helena Tse, a 16-year-old artist, was opened this morning at St. John's Cathedral Hall by Mrs. Fung Ping-fan. On display at the three-day exhibition are 99 paintings.

LATE FOR FOOTBALL SO TOOK ARMY CAR

Corporal B. Hughes, 22 REME, of No. 2 Squadron Detachment, was sentenced to be reduced in rank by a District Court Martial at Shamshuipo Camp this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of using a vehicle without permission.

Major T. P. Furlonge, Royal Signals, prosecuting, told the Court that on the afternoon of November 28 defendant was late for a football match at Boundary Street.

He was seen taking away a car belonging to the War Department at Whitfield Barracks, and when stopped and questioned by Army officers he admitted that he had no authority to use the car.

Felt Compelled

Second Lieutenant A. E. Whitworth, Royal Signals defending Hughes, said defendant had been in the Army since 1952. During this time he had not been convicted for any offence.

On the day of the incident Hughes was late for the football game, and felt compelled to take the car, he added.

The President of the Court, Major A. G. Smith, R.A.S.C., of HQ Land Forces, told the defendant that the findings of the Court and sentence were subject to confirmation.

The other members of the Court were Capt. G. J. Brown, R.A.S.C., and Lt. N. A. Hallie, of The 1st Green Howards.

Soldier Charged With Armed Robbery

A 10-year-old British soldier, Gunner Brian Lapsley Sutton, of F Troop, 74 Field Battery, 32 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, appeared before Mr. J. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Court this morning on charges of robbery with an offensive weapon, possession of arms and ammunition, and wounding with intent to resist arrest.

No plea was taken, and the defendant was remanded in goal custody for six days.

It is alleged that the defendant robbed Chan Kin-wan of 40 cents on December 10, at Minden Row, with a revolver.

It is also alleged that he had in his possession a revolver and five rounds of live ammunition.

It is further alleged, that on the same day, at Camarvon Road, near Humphries Avenue, he maliciously wounded Chan Kin-wah, with intent to resist arrest.

Theft From Flat

Thieves entered No. 4, Avo Mansions, May Road early yesterday morning and stole money and two bottles of wine to a total value of \$230.

YWCA Appointment

The appointment of Mrs. C. L. Kelson as Chairman of the English-speaking members' department of the YWCA was announced this morning at a committee meeting held at Woodside, Bonham Road, the home of Mrs. F. S. Dralce, retiring Chairman.

This Funny World



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From the Files 25 years AGO

A CURIOUS industry is developing in Singapore says the Free Press. Chinese from South China, particularly Canton, have introduced a novel form of gambling which is giving employment to scores of young Chinese who make a living by catching male crickets for the purposes of cricket-fighting.

It is a pastime upon which the police frown, of course, but "big fights" are staged, nevertheless, in secret places where large sums are said to have been lost and won. It is further reported that the quality of the Singapore cricket is such that experts have been attracted from Canton to search for rare specimens, the Singapore cricket having been found to possess more stubborn qualities, although smaller in size than the Chinese variety.

Steamer "runners," acting as agents for Canton and Hongkong interests, are offering as much as \$20 for a good insect, which may sound an absurd price but is not foolish when it is stated that some of these Singapore crickets have earned big money for their owners in Canton when matched against Canton varieties.

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It is reported that Dr. Alexander Cannon who at one time was Medical Officer in charge of HM Prisons, Government Pathologist and lecturer in morbid anatomy at Hongkong University, has been asked to resign his post as Psychiatrist and research worker at the LCC mental hospital at Colney Hatch on account of his book, "The Invisible Influence" which deals with hypnotism, black magic and other occult sciences.

The official view is apparently that anyone who could write such a book is not suitable to practise Western psychiatry in a mental hospital.

"The Invisible Influence" is a record of a journey he made through India and Tibet with a Yogi, including a visit to the palace of the Grand Lama.

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Mrs. E. G. Benson, residing at the Claremont Private Hotel, Austin Road, suffered painful injuries at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the rickshaw in which she was a passenger was struck by a lorry at the intersection of Nathan and Haiphong Roads.

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FROM the SCMP's 25 Years Ago column: "Hongkong has long enjoyed the unenviable reputation of being the jerry builder's paradise. The honourable distinction has been worthily earned by a long chapter of fatal collapses, constant unsightly adornment of shorings across the streets, frequent eyecores of bulging and creaking mudlime-veneered bluebrick walls, and last but by no means least, the failure of governmental supervisions of the 'close corporation' to whose tender mercies is entrusted the housing of the people.

"In yesterday's issue we advertised in a short note on the great need for closer official attention to this class of work, citing the painful evidence of jerry-building in Kowloon and East Point in spite of recent exposures and the new legislation. We are compelled to again refer to the matter, as information reaches us from a Chinese source which goes to prove that the Government is certainly either unaware of the real state of affairs or that it is deliberately shutting its eyes to a gross infraction of the law endangering life and limb in various parts of the Colony."